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 Dear Kirby, We are off
 on our grand jaunt
 and so far much thrilled
 with a sea experience
 again. - Our 3rd class is
 a veritable Parliament of men.
 Cosmopolitan is the word of
 the hour. - A kindoo student
 friend of yours, is aboard bound for
 Allahabad Agri. Institute - His name
 is "Joe" Devochman. Good luck this
 summer at your institute. Harold Hull

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Mr. Kirby Page
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York City

Dear Kirby:

You possibly have heard of the fact that Howard Willits, Associate Secretary of the YMCA at Columbus, Ohio, has lost his job. The reports as to the reasons indicate a variety but one of them certainly was his faithful leadership in the work of the F.O.R. in that difficult university. Those who have been very close to the situation, especially Bob Tucker in Columbus, are sure that whatever reason may have influenced this decision that they are all to Willits' credit. And so I hope that if you know of any position which might interest him that you will let either me or him know. He is a man, as you know, who quietly and persistently, without flaunting his convictions in the face of others, has borne a steady and faithful witness to the way of life that requires a good deal of courage. I am sure that other student situations need what Willits has to offer.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold

Harold E. Fey

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Mr. Kirby Page
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you most cordially for the copy of
"Creative Pioneering". Once more, in making this
material available, you are rendering an inspiring
service. I have already ordered another copy as
a gift.

Thanking you again, I remain

Sincerely,



Harry H. Moore

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YOU POSSIBLY REARRANGE YOUR ENGAGEMENTS TO PREACH FOR US
MORNING AND EVENING MAY 15TH A BROKEN HEARTED BUT
COURAGEOUS COMPANY EAGERLY AWAIT YOUR COMING FRED FISHERS
DEATH HAS BEEN A GREAT BLOW TO US STOP IN SPITE OF MEAGER
75 DOLLARS HONORARIUM AND HOTEL STATLER ENTERTAINMENT OUR
LIMITED FUNDS PERMIT WE HOPE YOU WILL DO IT IF MAY 15
IMPOSSIBLE COULD YOU COME JUNE 5TH OR 19TH WIRE COLLECT=
E SHURLEY JOHNSON CENTRAL CHURCH.

May 5th

Dear Dad
much to write -
I keep up & going -
big rain yesterday,
cool today -

Perry sent me a picture
Mama looks mighty thin
afraid she is not strong
enough to stand all
that climbing -

Thanks for the cash ^{plant}
all that keeps me here -
Love from Mother

Y.W.C.A.
573 Isaac Peral
Manila, May 6, 1938

Dear Kirby:

It was nice to have your letter by way of Alma with all its interesting news of Mary's engagement and the fine progress which Kirby Jr. is making. It is hard to realize that the children are no longer children but grown up young people.

I know how happy you must be that Mary has found such a fine young fellow; how fine for them that they will both be at Princeton next year.

I am enclosing something which Dr. Frank Laubach wrote out while he was ill in the hospital. He probably was in need of amusement and sent this to me. I don't know whether you can make use of it or not but if the figures are filled in, would probably be an array of facts presented in a rather unique fashion.

What an interesting time you are having in the colleges. I could imagine what a lot of enjoyment you were getting out of your tour. Success to you. The world needs as many good ideas as possible to counteract a few of the troublesome ones that seem to be abroad these days.

I am hoping to go up to Japan for the month of June to get some idea of the thoughts that are going on in the minds of many friends there. Needless to say we feel very close to the conflict and are wondering what effect it will have on the future of the Islands here.

I was so distressed to hear that Amy Blanche is so seriously ill. What tragedy has seemed to follow her; she certainly had more than her share.

My affectionate greetings to both you and Alma,

Sincerely yours,

Anne Lathrop

If ever I feel there is danger of becoming
one optimistic about myself - I get out a letter
you wrote in 1934 in which you say you wish
you "might have about a ten minute interview and about all

!!
"wonder"

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Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I have been unpardonably slow in answering your letter of April 13th, the primary reason being that I had expected to see you here with Sherwood Eddy's group when they came to Washington last week.

I can readily understand your feelings about my vote on the big navy bill, and I do not pretend to be at all certain that I did the right thing. It is important, of course, to remember that this bill did not appropriate any funds but merely authorized the construction of a larger navy than we had ever authorized before. This, however, doesn't change the principle involved.

I am more and more convinced, as time goes on, that those nations which are in the grip of dictatorships do constitute a real menace to peace and democracy in the world. Under existing circumstances, dangerous as it is, I am inclined to think that the strength of the United States even from a military standpoint is more likely to make for peace than for war. Were the world situation different from what it is, I would believe just the opposite, for I fully realize the danger in armaments. Furthermore, I am hoping against hope that it will be possible for us to keep the Western Hemisphere at peace and to, at least, give opportunity for the development of democracy here. And I have come to the conclusion that there is something in the argument that the possible attempted interference on the part of some of the dictators with Western Hemisphere nations will be discouraged by the strength of the United States. I am equally strong in my belief, however, that the navy is no solution of the problem. It is, at best, a dangerous instrument in an exceedingly bad situation.

Fundamentally, the future of our democracy in America is, to my mind, going to depend upon whether or not we are capable of solving the unemployment problem.

I would welcome any criticism or arguments you

Kirby Page

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May 6, 1938

care to give me and you need not worry at all about
my feelings in the matter.

Sincerely yours,


JERRY VOORHIS

Illinois-Wisconsin Conference
Morning Worship-May 8, 1938

THE ONWARD ROAD

Sentences: Leader

Call to Worship: Quartet

Prayer: Congregation in unison

(Prayer of general confession)

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess thy faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy Holy name. Amen.

Scripture: Leader

Hymn: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

In lowly paths of service free;

Tell me Thy secret, help me bear

The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward foot to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give;
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Remarks: Leader

Anthem: Quartet

Prayer: Leader

Plodge: Congregation in unison

I will keep the fire of hope ever burning on the altar of my soul;
I will feed it by day and by night with the fuel of industry.
A great purpose is growing in the garden of my heart;
I will moisten its roots each morning with the water of a new
resolve.

I will forego comfort and pleasures until this plant of my purpose
bears fruit.--

All will I sacrifice -- life, time, happiness
To realize in my life the purposes of God.

Response: Quartet

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May 9, 1938

Dear Kirby:

We have a remarkable series of twelve University Christian Missions for this autumn. Our National Committee and each local committee cooperates in selecting speakers.

I have just had a very urgent word from Illinois University asking that you be secured as one of the speakers for their Mission. The date of the Mission is November 6 to 11. Will it be possible for you to be with us during that week to participate in the program on this great campus? We want you for the entire week - Sunday to Friday night if possible.

Knowing your great interest in the student work, I know you will do your very best to give us that week.

With warmest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Jesse ✓

Mr. Kirby Page,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

JMB:mt



**SALINE
VALLEY
FARMS!**
SALINE, MICH.

May 10, 1938

Dear Kirby -

The enclosed check for \$250⁰⁰ is overdue. I hope my failure to get it in last month when I had tentatively promised that I would have not caused you too great inconvenience. There turned out to be just too many commitments in April. There is real satisfaction in sending you this check, not to get it off my chest, but in feeling that I have some small part

in the grand work you are doing.

Hastily but affectionately
Harold.

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LEADERS SUBJECT KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR. 230-345 PM
GENERAL. MODERN ECONOMIC ROOTS OF WAR. 415 - 530 PM
PERSONAL DISCIPLINE FOR PEACE. 730 PM. NATIONAL DEFENSE.
MAKE CHANGES AND SUGGESTIONS PREFERABLE TO YOU STOP REPLY
NIGHTLETTER COLLECT=

HUC NOBLE.

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

June 10, 1938

My dear Mr. Mavity:

Your letter of May 31 is at hand. I have read the manuscript with much interest--and with a high degree of skepticism! I confess that these minute textual studies leaves me unimpressed. Perhaps I am incorrigible. At any rate, I am glad to have your manuscript.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Paul Mavity
515 North 7th St.
Lafayette, Ind.

KP:MK

SHERWOOD EDDY

52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

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May 10, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Hotel Pittsburgher,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Kirby:

Mrs. Clyde of the Clyde Line and Margaret Sanger are the first two applicants for membership next year in the American Seminar. If there is any chance at all of your coming, I wish you would tentatively apply for membership, since the first applicants last time were listed first and elected as representatives to see the President.

On the whole, in spite of numerous obstacles and limitations, for the first year I think the American Seminar was a success and that we shall probably have to continue it. The dates next year would probably be: Washington, March 20-24, New York, March 27-31, providing a program for Saturday and Sunday, the 25th and 26th in New York, for those who could remain in New York and were not called back to their home pulpits. Or else the dates would be April 24-28 Washington, May 1-5 New York. The latter would be after Easter. These are almost the only dates when the hotel in Washington is free. Which of these two dates would you prefer? Would either of them be impossible for you?

Ever yours,

Sherwood Eddy

SE:KB

2, CRANBOURNE COURT,
ALBERT BRIDGE ROAD,
S.W. 11.

BATTERSEA 2400.

May 14th 1938

Dear Kirby Page,

I really am abased to see that I have left your letter of November 16th unanswered. Please forgive me.

You ask me if there is a possibility of my being in the States this summer. Alas, I am afraid not. If I go anywhere, it will be to India to see Mr Gandhi and get a first hand impression of the vast changes that are taking place there. I should have liked very much to have been at your Conference-for from the outline it sounds most alluring. I am afraid there is no chance either-of C.F. Andrews coming. I think he feels loath to leave India while the Mahatma's health is so uncertain. Also he is supposed to be writing his "Life of Christ"-a gigantic task in which he gets many interruptions.

Yours very sincerely,

Agatha Harrison

EDWARD H. BONSALE, JR.
222 CORNELL AVENUE
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

May 14 1938

Dear Kirby:

Am not sorry about that $\$25^{\text{--}}$
check -- and am surely glad you
wrote & enclosed is my own check
for $\$35^{\text{--}}$ which will make up the $\$50$
and the $\$10$ expenses which arrived
after the first $\$25$ check was sent.

Our conference Treasurer has
another check for me and this can
be added to it.

The young folks are still
talking about what you brought us

both in the larger session and to
the Community group.

Kindest regards and best
wishes —

Ever sincerely,

Bonnie

30 Route Doumer
Shanghai, China
May 15, 1938

Mr Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr Page:

Thanks very much for the copy of your latest book "Must We Go to War?". My wife and I have ^{used} it with a great deal of interest and find ourselves in the main in agreement with it. It however does not give an explanation for the fact that the people of the U.S. are overwhelmingly in sympathy with China in this terrible war and yet Japan is fighting the war largely with war materials from the U.S. I know that it a difficult problem but I cannot feel that the peace groups in the U.S. are doing what ~~they~~ should to stop this flow of war materials to Japan.

We who are in China are thrilled by the wonderful spirit of the Chinese. They are enduring suffering that is beyond description without complaining and condemning the aggressors. It is a marvelous example to us missionaries. A people with such a spirit cannot be defeated.

You may be interested to know that I am ^{using} as reference books this last book of yours, and an earlier one, War, Its Causes and Cure, in one of my classes in the University. I have discussed at length the subject of war with a group of about fifty freshmen this spring, and have made use of your books in an effective way, I think.

Thanking you again for your bookd, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Hipps

J.B.Hipps

47 Claremont Ave

May 15, 1938.

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for your fine letter. I greatly appreciate your writing to Muste and Roswell Barnes. I've been to see each of them and they are willing to help me all that they can. Roswell suggested that Dr. Coffin and Ted Savage are the key persons as far as Presbyterianism is concerned in and about New York City. I am not just sure how I will do it but expect I will have to begin to work on Uncle Henry. I detest anything that smacks of politics but I guess you have to resort to it even in church work.

What is all of this I hear about a traveling professorship. I don't seem to have the

particulars but I understand that my hearty congratulations are quite in order. You certainly deserve a lot of credit for all of the things which you have achieved and the fine influence you have had over the lives of others. While I was in Washington I met a young religious leader who said that he had gotten a great deal out of some of your books. He mentioned one in particular but I do not remember whether it was "Living Creatively" or "Living Triumphantly."

By the way I certainly enjoyed my trip to Washington and greatly appreciate your helping to make it possible. I feel that it has given me a good background from

which to venture forth on a new undertaking. Betty said that she was willing that I should do the kind of thing which seemed to me to be wisest and best. Nevertheless she does seem to be rather sceptical and rather critical of my plans. When we were going to gether before we were married she was quite convinced that I was going to be a "big" man and we would live happily ever after. She hasn't quite given up the idea but she is not nearly as sure about it as she use to be. She means well but it is awfully hard for her to make necessary adjustments. For her sake I may have to take the first comfortable job that comes along (if any comes) and let it go at that. Maybe some day if I

live long enough d'll really
be able to do what I wanted
to do in the beginning.

Affectionately yours
Eugene.

Detroit Mich.

May 16th, 1938

Rev. Kirby Page
New York, N. Y.

Dear Reverend:-

I just happened to fall onto or rather accidentally see in the "Detroit Free Press" part of your sermon or talk to the congregation of the Central Methodist Church on "share the wealth." I could not resist the impulse to write you and tell you how nearly to the Townsend Plan your talk was and to give it I am sending you a pamphlet regarding the Townsend Plan.

I firmly believe that if the churches of this country would espouse this great humanitarian plan they would also benefit from it as well as general

business. Don't you honestly believe that if it were possible to open up the Poor houses and let the unfortunate occupants again live in comfort and even luxury it in itself would be a great Christian act?

Read this pamphlet carefully. Send to your representation for a copy of the "General Welfare Act" known as H. R. 4199, and study it.

Yours Truly,
Fred Ashford,
1577 Gray Ave.,
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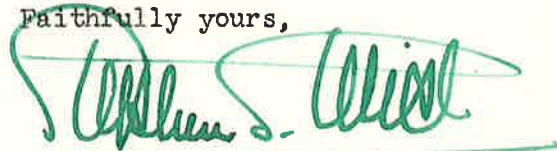
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Dr. Kirby Page
La Habra
Calif.

My dear Dr. Page:

Permit me to thank you for the generosity of your understanding and the promptness with which you have replied to my request for your signature to the statement on the present situation confronting the Jews, and the necessity for uniting to combat anti-Semitism.

Faithfully yours,



PRESIDENT

SSW:Srs

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DR. JOHN A. LAPP
National Chairman

CLARENCE SENIOR,
Executive Secretary

May 17, 1938

Dear Friend:

The Call to the NATIONAL ANTI-WAR CONGRESS has met with wide and enthusiastic response from all sections of the country and all kinds of organizations. We hope you will agree when you read it.

"The most genuine and spontaneous movement for peace in many years", a mid-western farm organization head calls it.

"It has given us new enthusiasm", the chairman of a local peace council writes.

Delegates from steel mills, textile factories, auto plants, clothing factories; from farms, North and South; from women's clubs, from churches, from neighborhood "Keep America Out of War committees" will rally here May 28 - 30 around the slogan "The Fight Against War Starts At Home".

Not isolationist, except from war as a method of settling international difficulties, the movement will work out ways of carrying on international relations in exceptionally difficult times so that they are a force for peace.

With less than two weeks to go, we find ourselves crippled by lack of funds. I turn to you with this appeal for a "crisis contribution".

I am sure you give generously to other worth-while organizations, but remember this--if war comes no forward-looking organization will be able to live and function. For the sake, then, of helping insure the continuance of other endeavors, as well as the large and inclusive anti-war fight, please give now and give generously.

Checks may be made payable to the Committee or to either of its national officers.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Lapp

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National Chairman

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COLLEGE AND PINE STREETS
TROY, ALABAMA

May 18, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York N.Y.

My dear Mr. Page:-Through the kindness of a friend,
I am enabled to read your fine book-"Must We Go To
War",--a book which I hope to possess when I feel finan-
cially able so to do.

If, as we have no reason to doubt, "There
is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than
over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance",
then the angels of heaven must rejoice to know of your
book, and, perhaps, your book will help some sinners (with
"War ideals") to do some repenting.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jos. H. Harvey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".

11725 Oakland Avenue

Detroit, Michigan

May 18, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

Last Sunday May 15th I heard your sermon
over the radio.

Since your sermon is the most unusual I
have heard, I would like to know if it is
possible to have a copy of it.

In the hopes that you will be kind enough
to grant me this request, I am enclosing a
self addressed stamped envelope.

Thanking you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Chas Murphy
Charles Murphy

129 EAST 52ND STREET
NEW YORK

May 19, 1938

Dear Kirby:

At Sherwood Eddy's seminar you spoke as though I still regretted the pacifist line you took during the war. I have never ceased to be thankful for your life and work and consistent views all the time I have known you. If I was embarrassed by the line you took during the war, I have long since forgotten it. While I do not agree with you completely and never have, I wish that the positive results of my work and character were as superb as your own.

affectionately
Sincerely yours,

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Edward C. Carter

Mr. Kirby Page,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
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May 20, 1938.

Dear Kirby:

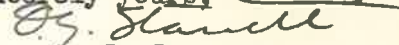
It was good to have you here. You were rather disturbing to some of our good folk, but others of us think they ought to be disturbed. You are doing a good work and I hope you'll keep it up.

George Fitch gave us a great talk. There were about 500 out to hear him and we raised something over \$300 for War Relief in China.

You sent us ten sets of books. We sold six sets for which we enclose a check for \$12.00. The four sets are being returned to you by express.

I wish we might have had more time together. Can you send me a program of the doings at Estes Park this summer?

Sincerely yours,


O. G. Starrett.

Dr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Calif.

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May 20, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Kirby:

The word about your new lectureship at Yale was late in reaching me. I am very glad to know of it and I wish I might know more about exactly what it entails.

Yours ever,



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3525 SEVENTH AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

May 2, 1938

My dear Mr. Page:

Your letter of April 8th would
have been answered sooner if I
had not been ill for several weeks.
I'm sorry my answer has to be
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~~un~~fortunate but I am finding it
so difficult this year to keep
up my regular contributions
that I can not undertake
this new one that you suggest.

Sincerely yours,
Mamie G. Monahan

3453-37th Street
San Diego, Calif.
May 22, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

I trust my good fortune that this letter will not only reach you but will also merit your attention.

Reasons beyond my control have, up to this time, made it impossible to see you. However, I am confident that this will be possible some day in the not too distant future.

The following is the Reason for writing this letter to you:

I am a German immigrant and now a naturalised citizen. When the war broke out, I was seventeen and still going to school. Two years later, at the age of nineteen, I was drafted into army service and after a brief training period served for two years in the frontline trenches in France. Within this time, I was promoted from a private to a second lieutenant and later put in command of a company, holding with my twenty-one years the position of a captain. I was shot and wounded severely.

Three months after the Armistice, I found myself penniless, with a broken health, walking the streets as an unskilled common laborer in a desperate hunt for a job.

The battle to regain my well-being lasted for another twelve years. Now, with 41, I am planning this coming fall to enroll at the State College of Agriculture at Davis. I have resided in San Diego for the last five years and am a member of the Park Boulevard Methodist Church.

For a hobby and being vitally interested in the problems of the day, I have tried my hand in writing, so far with not much success. In the course of my experiments, I met the assistant editor of the San Diego Sun, a Scripps Howard newspaper. The man's name is John Boyd Stephens. Besides his regular newspaper work, he is an instructor for Journalism on the extension staff of the University of California.

Recently, Mr. Stephens gave me a manuscript written by an American veteran. His idea was to write a book with an American and a German veteran as co-authors.

However, after reading the manuscript, we agreed that it would not be suited for the purpose, as it was written in the typical Legion spirit, still looking at the German soldier as a personal ennemy.

But then this thought came to my mind:

If it were possible to find representatives of each of the five major belligerent powers in the world war-- U.S.A. England, Germany, France and Russia -- each of these representatives being a war veteran with actual frontline experience and each committed to the stupidity and futility of modern warfare, such a book might still be news.

Do you think it would? Or has ever anything of that sort been done before?

There would little actual work be included for you, as Mr. Stephens would assume the task of editing the contributions of the five co-authors. Of course, the manuscript would be submitted for your approval before the printing. What I would like to have is your co-operation. As we believe that with your co-operation there would be no difficulty in finding a publisher.


You should have all the assurance that your name would not be exploited in any money-making promoter scheme. For that reason, I would suggest that we -- my friend Stephens and I -- come to La Habra to see you the next time you happen to be at home.

Mr. Stephens is a young man in his middle thirties. I believe all right that he expects to derive some advantage in his career as a newspaperman from the venture, being the co-editor of a book on a very timely subject that may gain national, if not international, recognition. But that, I should think, is perfectly natural and nothing to be objected.

Such a book well written by war veterans and former foes at the command of their respective governments, most of which by now have been swept into oblivion, should make some impression on the present generation not only as to the savagery and ghastly brutality of modern war but also -- and primarily!-- of its stupid futility, where nobody wins and everybody loses

I trust that I shall have succeeded to make myself understood to you and would greatly appreciate to get a few words of commitment. For your convenience, you will find a self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely Yours


Oscar Montien.

May 23, 1938

Dear Sydney:

Can you conveniently lend me \$500, payable with regular interest on or before March 1, 1939? If so, this cooperation will help me out of a difficult situation.

The damage done by the flood has cost me more than \$300. It has been necessary to expend nearly \$1500 for trees and irrigation pipes for the additional land. This combination has me reeling, especially so since we are now coming to the lean months when my earnings will be negligible.

Prospects for the period beginning October 1 are good. I am to receive \$1600 from Yale for conducting two Seminars there during the fall term. I still have \$825 promised by various contributors, payable before December 31. It now appears that my earnings in the fall will be higher than normal. All this means that we are not in a desperate financial predicament, but we are seriously short of cash during the next few months. If, therefore, you could conveniently make this loan, I will be most grateful.

As you know, Kirby and Mary are both expecting to be graduated in June. Alma and I were talking yesterday about the difference in Kirby's prospects because of the purchase of this extra land. Otherwise he would in all probability be joining the ranks of the unemployed, for you know, it is extremely difficult for a college senior without special training or experience to get a satisfactory position. He is quite excited about the place and as I told you, works hard at the job. We have no trouble whatever about getting him to assume responsibility and to do hard work. Moreover, the prospect has made an immense difference for my brother who you know is recently married and is living in the garage apartment. Altogether we have no regrets about assuming the extra obligation. So far as we can see there will be no future heavy capital outlays. The entire eight acres is now covered to capacity with trees and the irrigation system is completely installed. When all things are taken into account I am confident that it will not be necessary for me to make such a frantic appeal to you again.

If it is not convenient for you to make the loan I know you will be quite frank with me.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sydney Gamble
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

La Habra, California
May 23, 1938

Dear Friend:

Upon returning home after an absence of nearly five weeks I have analyzed the various replies concerning the vacation-conferences. I find that the number of individuals who can come to Silver Bay is so small that it seems absolutely necessary to combine the two groups. We will therefore meet at Estes Park from August 9 to 31.

I am glad indeed to report that definite registrations for Estes Park are encouraging. I am enclosing herewith a list of the thirty persons who have definitely registered for Estes Park. I know most of these individuals intimately and can assure you that the group assembled will be highly invigorating. There are still approximately 100 names on the list of persons who are seriously endeavoring to come to Estes Park. It seems likely, therefore, that a minimum of twenty-five families will be present.

A limited number of cabins are available at Estes Park, but we must let the conference management have definite word by next Wednesday, June 1, if we are to secure the use of these cabins.

If it is at all possible for you folks to join us I hope you will send me an airmail letter by return post. It would be a great privilege to have you join us for what may turn out to be a really memorable experience.

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

Encl.
KP:MK

La Habra, California
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Kirby Page

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P. O. Box 3129

Houston, Texas, May 24, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

It is about time I was giving you the low-down on our condition, isn't it?

A lot of water has flowed over the mill since you were here and I have been in greatly straitened places by reason of inability to get rid of that awful picture business. But, I finally made the grade. A friend of mine took pity on me and to avoid bankruptcy proceedings stepped into the breach and took it over, lock-stock and barrel. I made up an inventory and statement and he has to pay off \$4,050.00 on the business, with assets totaling only \$2,600.00. He took over my stock though and gave me a written contract to pay off all the indebtedness. I had engaged a man and wife, World by name, to run the business and they have been doing some good foundation work since January. They continue in charge. This friend put up \$400.00 immediately to provide operating capital. He got a stay of proceedings from creditors by promising to start paying off in one year, and then 5% a month, or more if possible. The business should pay off in about 18 months time, beginning one year hence. So he stands to get profits if he will stand by long enough for the business is good for \$250.00 a month, once it is on its feet, and then it may be enlarged with sufficient capital.

I went into the insurance business with Oscar Eicke about the end of 1937, but with heart-rending results. He was to allow me a drawing account of \$40.00 a week, and settlement later on basis of 40% of joint business to me, and 60% to him. I was to keep books, run office, handle correspondence, make up planned presentations, give him room and board, etc., and he was to do actual selling. It looked pretty on paper. I got \$40.00 a week for four weeks only and then the depression got him down. I have had nothing since and he is still rooming and boarding with us. In sheer disgust, I quit the farcial arrangement, told him we were splitting up, and now he is to pay for room and board. I got a contract all my own with Cravens, Dargan & Company to write life, health and accident insurance for Occidental Life Insurance Company of California. It is an enterprising Los Angeles company, some 32 years old, with over 40 millions of assets, and 400 millions of insurance in force. Contracts are progressive, rates are low, and I ought to do some business. I had to make \$2,000.00 personal surety bond (2 friends for \$1,000.00 each) but it is in force now.

We have drastically reduced the price of this big home and will get out in a few weeks, as soon as we can realize a little bit of our equity. Enough to move and pay rent in another location, at least, if possible. Otherwise, we will love it to the H.O.L.C. When we move, Oscar Eicke will go elsewhere, as we wish to be alone. I can't tell you how distraught I have been but have managed to keep going some way through it all.

My inability to make payments on your indebtedness has humiliated me no little, but I have simply been unable to get hold of any money. I put in 15 months in that picture business without any salary, not only lost my time, but owe money that I borrowed to live on. I got rid of most of the debts with transfer of the business but certain private deals I will have to retain -- like yours.

I have just accepted a sales contract with Don Hall Roofing Company, agents for Johns-Manville roofing products - famous for 77 years. We put on new roofs and reroof old ones, asphalt and asbestos shingles, guaranteed for ten years. The cost can be financed, at 5% interest per year, with as much as three years to pay out. We also furnish extra money at same interest rate for painting, papering and repairs. No down payment is required, no mortgage on property, not even a mechanic's lien -- merely a good credit rating and five to ten dollars amonth does the trick. I will work on a commission basis, may make a living, and may starve to death - who can tell. I am working for several days in the morning with a Mr. Ross, learning how to prospect, and at nights with Mr. Hall, and Ross, learning how to close and write up a deal. Shortly, I will be turned loose on my own. Don Hall lost over two millions on his personal crash but is coming back via roofing route, for eight years, and is about to take on a dozen fancy apartment buildings overlooking Hermann Park, to aggregate a million dollar contract. So with the insurance and roofing business, I ought to get going and be able to make a living. Here's hoping.

I had the insurance policy changed over like we discussed and kept up the premiums to May 3rd, when I had to let all my insurance go down. The Houston Art Studio is not interested in retaining coverage on my life, and not permitted to since I have no further connection with the corporation. Monthly premium payment on the one naming you as beneficiary is \$6.17. You said something about paying the premiums, but I desired to do it myself, and did as long as possible. Now, I guess it is up to you to keep insurance in force, (1) to get Mother's \$1,500.00 in case anything happens to me, and the balance you may use to care for her as long as she lives, then keep the remainder for gurself. If I ever get able, I will start paying on the \$300.00, but in the meantime you will have something to get it out of, if I am cut down. I hand you an application for restoration of policy so that you may mail premium and have notices sent direct to you hereafter. I paid up to April 3, 1938 and with month's grace it ran to May 3, 1938 - when it lapsed. Now \$6.17 will pay from April 3d to May 3d, with grace, would be effective to June 3, which would be last day of grace. If you send two monthly premiums, you will be in the clear and not operating on grace period. I am sorry this is the best I can do in this terrible time of loss and depression.

There is another \$5,000.00 policy (I had two with Houston Art Studio, you got the first one--there is still another) in the same condition as the one mentioned above. You may have it too, if you want to make the premiums, but I suppose one \$5,000.00 will be all you care for. If Perry wants the second one, he is welcome to it. Otherwise, it will lapse permanently.

I am trying to get enough cash together to reinstate Norma's \$10,000.00 policy, and believe I can get it going tomorrow.

Pardon the length of this epistle but I wanted you to have the picture. Mother is doing well, frail and failing steadily of course, but keeps going in a remarkable manner. We spent last Sunday with her and put down a cement floor in her chicken house and a slab entrance connecting toilet and chicken house. Believe, it or not, it was a job getting sand, gravel and cement, and then mixed it and pouring with only a tub and hoe and rough sticks to smooth topping. Mother did the top spreading while I mixed and poured. Her garden, and berries and flowers are wonderful. Norma is improving and we have hopes of getting into small duplex soon where she can rest some.

Hope all is well with Perry and his new family, and that you and yours are
OKAY. Wedding bells soon, I hear too. Lovingly, your brother *Leah*

May 24, 1938

Dear Barbara:

Please credit me as follows:

Valley City	\$13.20	Books sold
Madison	25.00	Honorarium
Detroit	12.00	Books sold
E. M. Bowman	75.00	Contribution

Mr. Bowman previously sent in \$25. He now desires an official receipt which he can use for income tax exemption. I would be grateful if you would fix this up and send it to me.

Sometime ago I requested an official receipt for John S. C. and Emily Harvey, two checks of \$250 each, or a total of \$500. I do not remember having received these receipts. If you can take care of this and send it to me I will then forward it to Mrs. Harvey.

Since you are nearing the last minute rush and will be away during the summer, perhaps it will be advisable for you to send to me a check for the balance I have with the account after the enclosed checks are credited. Please send me also any unpaid bills that you may have on hand. I will then take care of all this during the summer.

If it is convenient it would be helpful to me if I could have a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures for 1938. Thanks a million for your help.

It is grand to be home again after the long absence. The weather is ideal and we are having a marvelous time together. I expect to be home until about June 12. I will then go straight through to Silver Bay for the student conference which begins on the 16th.

I do hope that you manage to get a good rest this summer.

As ever,

Miss Barbara Parker
52 Vanderbilt Ave., Room 1101
New York, New York

Encl.
KP:MK

May 24, 1938

My dear Mr. Montien:

Your letter of May 22 came just after I had arrived home from a long tour. I am keenly interested in what you have written and hope that you will be able to proceed with your plan for the book. Unfortunately it will not be possible for me to have a part in it because I am spending every available moment on a new book which will occupy me rather completely for the next year. I do hope you will keep me in touch with developments.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Oscar Montien
3453 37th Street
San Diego, Calif.

EP:MK

May 25, 1938

Dear Harold:

Let me thank you for sending the check so promptly. It helps us out more than you can possibly realize. I am grateful indeed for your generous and long continued cooperation with my work.

This has been one of the best years so far. Since October I have spoken in 27 states in all parts of the Union, and I have never had a better response.

It is a source of deep regret to me that I do not get to see you more often.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Harold S. Gray
Saline Valley Farms
Saline, Mich.

KP:MK

CLAREMONT COLLEGES
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

May 26, 1938.

Dear Kirby Page,

Your letter of April 12th was duly received and I expected to have answered it sooner. I can quite understand how busy you must be and how easy it would be for a letter of mine to be lost.

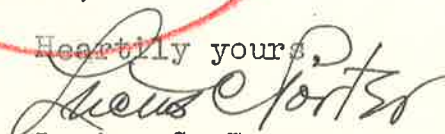
I am sorry not to have been able to see you while in this part of the country for I should like to have talked with you about some aspects of the campaign for peace. I count myself a vigorous pacifist, but I am somewhat alarmed at a trend which I seem to notice in American life, the emphasis on isolation from world problems which, from the point of view of avoiding entanglements leading to war, can be defended in some measure, seems to have led in many cases to moral apathy which almost amounts to cowardice. The fear of being led into war has been so emphasized that the American public seems disinclined to express in any concrete way its judgment on such moral issues as the wars in Spain and in China, not to mention the seizure of Ethiopia by Italy. I have no sympathy with isolationist, quietistic pacificism, but regard myself as an ardent champion of active pacificism. By that I mean the determination to work in every way for peace among the nations while at the same time insisting that the moral temper of the American people and of other nations must be aroused and stimulated. I should like very much to have discussed these matters more at length with you because your voice is one of the most effective in the American scene on the side of peace.

Thank you very heartily for the cordial invitation to join in the summer vacation seminar in Estes Park in August. Nothing would please us more than to do so were we able to accomplish all that must be done during the summer before we push back to China. As it is, we will have to forego the pleasure of meeting your group and gaining the stimulus of discussion and recreation with its members.

We leave this part of the country May 31st and will spend the rest of the summer, until our departure for China August 13th, in and around Beloit, Wisconsin, where I can be reached at 717 Chapin Street.

With warm regards,

Heartily yours,


Lucius C. Porter

Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

Manchester College



Andrew W. Cordier
Professor of History

May 27, 1938

North Manchester,
Indiana

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

My Dear Friend:

Upon my return from Warsaw, I discovered that there were four copies of, "Living Courageously," that had not been sold. In the meantime they have been sold and so I am enclosing a four dollars (\$4.00) check to cover them.

We have the most pleasant memories of your visit here a short time ago. I still feel a bit guilty about the very hard schedule to which we subjected you, but you may at least have the consolation of knowing that you created an enormous amount of discussion and real thinking on the part of the people of this community and on our campus. Countless references have been made to your arguments and points of view. You certainly helped us enormously in our thinking through your day's visit here.

In one more hour I shall be leaving for Europe. I am going directly to Czecho-Slovakia for a study of two or three weeks and from there back to London to participate in Sherwood Eddy's seminar. I follow the seminar to Paris and Berlin and then go to South-Eastern Europe, spending sometime in Palestine studying the situation there. I then jump back to Egypt and Italy during the last days of August. I am sorry to miss the very profitable week that you will be spending at Silver Bay and Estes Park this summer.

Very sincerely yours,

A. W. Cordier

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AMERICA DRIFTS RAPIDLY TOWARDS WAR!

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AMERICA DRIFTS RAPIDLY TOWARDS WAR!

THE WAR DRUMS ARE BEGINNING TO ROLL; the familiar war propaganda beats upon our ears; preparations are being made once more to shed the blood of our youth abroad "to make the world safe for democracy."

OUR NATION IS FOUNDED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY but our people have been denied by Congress under Administration pressure their democratic right to vote on the declaration of war.

OUR TRADITION IS THAT OF A FREE PEOPLE but we are threatened with mobilization plans for actual dictatorship over labor and industry and the conscription of all men and women for the bloody business of war.

OUR PEOPLE DEMAND PEACE but they are offered military alliances.

OUR PEOPLE OPPOSE FASCISM at home but a war against fascism abroad will bring fascist dictatorship at home.

All the signs show that we are again in 1916. If it is not to become 1917, we must act without delay.

Today the people do not want war. But a new Panay incident, the propaganda of profit-seekers and militarists, the well-meant but mistaken idealism of certain advocates of "collective suicide", and the calculated intention of others to build a war alliance will yet, unless we are on guard, sweep us into the maelstrom.

New war, no matter what the alleged purpose, means untold misery and brutalization for the American people. No conceivable good that can be accomplished abroad can compensate for the incalculable agony, privation, and loss of liberties at home.

New depression, unemployment, low prices for farm products are lessening resistance to war because war would bring a feverish boom postponing the solution to the economic problems of President and people. In the crazy intoxication of war we might forget the awful price that we and our children and our children's children would be compelled to pay. The whole world is still paying for the first world war.

A "campaign of education" has been launched to break down the anti-war sentiment of the country and prepare us to back the President in pressure politics in the Far East.

TODAY IS NOT TOO LATE TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR. It is not too late to make known to the President, the State and War Departments, and the Congress the will of the American people for peace, and their unyielding opposition to the steps that lead to war and to fascism at home in the event of war.

WE CALL ON YOU

To elect delegates from all organizations of the American people—labor unions, farm organizations, cooperatives, youth, church, service and women's clubs, veterans', and other organizations—to a great **NATIONAL ANTI-WAR CONGRESS** in Washington, D. C., May 28-29-30,

IF YOU WANT TO DEMAND:

an end to the super-navy proposed by the Administration,
an end to wartime mobilization preparations and conscript bills,
an end to the use of naval vessels to protect oil tankers in Chinese waters,
the immediate removal of American military forces from the Far East, and
no entangling alliances for war under any name or pretext, with any nation or bloc of nations—

IF YOU WANT:

the democratic right to vote on war,
a sound prosperity through a program of construction, conservation, and expanded education, rather than a false prosperity, built on a war boom,
an end to unemployment through jobs at home and not through death on the battlefield,
to work with increasing solidarity with the people of all nations in the worldwide struggle to abolish economic injustice and colonial repression, and to remove the causes of dictatorial militarism.

TO HALT THE DRIVE TOWARD ANOTHER 1917, act to warn the Congress of the United States and the Administration through:

immediate letters, telegrams, and resolutions against super-navies, conscript bills, and any involvement in foreign war; and

the election of delegates to the **NATIONAL ANTI-WAR CONGRESS** who will press these demands and plan a future course of action.

Representing widely varied sections of American citizenship, the Keep America Out of War National Committee calls upon you to support the program here outlined and the

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May 28-29-30, 1938

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For further information and application for credentials consult your local KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR COMMITTEE, or write to 1707 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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9:45 a.m. Special conference with Kirby Page for ministers, student leaders, and peace leaders on the topic:

"HOW TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR"

12:30 p.m. Recess (Lunch in nearby eating places, if desired)

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration

2:30 p.m. Address by Kirby Page, followed by discussion, on the topic:

"MIDAS BEHIND MARS OR THE ECONOMIC ROOTS OF WAR"

3:45 p.m. Recess

4:15 p.m. Address by Kirby Page, followed by discussion, on the topic:

"PERSONAL DISCIPLINE FOR PEACE"

5:30 p.m. Recess

6:00 p.m. Dinner (Vegetable plate, 35 cents, served at the church)

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May 29, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
New York City

Dear Sir:

You may remember having met
me at the Conference at George
Williams College, Chicago, three
weeks ago and several years
ago at Monmouth College on the
occasion of your speaking there.

I wish to tell you that I
found your discussions + addresses
in connection with the recent
Conference most helpful and that
your books (which I purchased



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there) most profitable. I ~~that~~ your
sermon on "Loyalty" a very fitting
climax to a ~~that~~-provoking series
of discussions. Thank you very
much for all that you have
done for me personally!

Sincerely,

J. D. Buchanan

Monmouth College

Monmouth, Illinois

HUBERT STARR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
~~915 F. B. I. Building~~
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
3029 Sunnynook Drive.

May 30, 1938.

Dear Mr. Page:

Well-meaning persons who write unsolicited letters can become nuisances. I therefore state that no reply to this is necessary.

I am glad to make an opportunity to express my appreciation of the work you did last Saturday - an appreciation that arises from a nationalistic and patriotic base and not from a religious one. I have no concern about the next world, but I do have concern about my country. While my distaste for the type of religion I presume is professed by most of the F.O.R. and for their unwillingness to bear arms would prevent my qualifying as a welcomed member of your group, nevertheless, I recognize, with a sense of comradeship in patriotism, the work you are doing to educate the public as to the causes of the last war, of war in general, and to promote a foreign policy designed to prevent any contribution to or participation in another holocaust.

There is something sickening in the thought that in a city of this size so few appeared to benefit by the lucid exposition you presented. If there should be any encouragement to you in this letter, I shall be happy to have given it.

None of your hearers followed your talks with more attention than I did, and I doubt that few were as well equipped by specific study as I have tried to ~~become~~ fully to appreciate the matters you presented in the morning and the evening sessions. My approach to the subject had been entirely independent of the F.O.R. or of any of the other "peace" groups. Nevertheless, I found myself in complete agreement with you on all fundamentals, excepting your theological conceptions, your economic ideas, and that determination not to fight to win if the country should be (or when it shall be) brought into another war. However, those were matters but incidentally touched upon by you and I mention them not to display the disagreement but to emphasize the agreement. It is very probable that upon an elaboration of these matters and a definite understanding of the meaning intended in all terms used in discussion, there would be little disagreement there -- as was the case as soon as I was able to comprehend your classification of competitive society and co-operative society rather than capitalistic society and communistic society in the popular use of those terms.

A brief outline of my experience the following day may be of interest to you.

My language did not express my thought. I have no distaste for the speaker position, but am unwilling to subscribe to it myself - yet!

I attended the Unitarian Church -- there is one in Los Angeles. Ernest Caldecott, our minister, was in Boston attending the annual conference of Unitarian societies. He had provided Rabbi Jacob Kohn (rabbis being free Sunday morning) as a substitute. Mr. Kohn's subject was something about the necessity of democracy and the unfulfilled promise, referring to the slogan used to sell slaughter: "A war to end war and make the world safe for democracy". He very briefly touched upon the American democracy's embracement of all breeds and all creeds and dwelt upon the horrors of intolerance with effective emotion. These are matters upon which his hearers have been repeatedly instructed from the pulpit with full historical, philosophical and practical grounds, ramifications and implications. Next followed a thorough abhorrence of dictatorships in general and of the dictators Hitler and Mussolini in particular, elaborating upon the prevalence and necessity of intolerance in a totalitarian and dictatorial state. He then ended with a stirring emotional appeal to support the President in a prompt and effective quarantining of the dictators, in co-operation with other democracies, "by economic means", "till Germany, Japan and Italy shall be crushed and brought to their knees." Those quotations are correct and from the climax of the sermon.

Thereupon, my rational and intelligent co-religionists, so devotedly engaged in rectifying the mess you evangelical Christians have made of the world with your cosmic romance and irrational base for morals and ethics, burst into loud and prolonged applause -- notwithstanding that they consider applause out of place in Sunday morning services.

They had fallen for undisguised Jewish propaganda, originating in hate (although understandable hate). They had cheered for rankest intolerance proclaimed in the name of tolerance from a platform dedicated at least to ethics and common sense. Failing to comprehend that the real weapon in the World War was this same economic isolation, for which armies and navies could almost be called auxiliaries, they were ready to take up that weapon and start belaboring the peoples of nations which have never violated a single right of our nation or our nationals; and at the behest of one whose loyalty is obviously to a race scattered through all nations rather than to this or any other nation. The utter impossibility of any nation achieving, beyond its own borders, anything for a scattered race except by the general improvement of personal human relationships appeared to be no check upon the enthusiasm of the good rabbi or of the equally good audience.

And I lived to see that demonstration of assinnity around a pulpit that has been honored by William Ellery Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Theodore Parker!

Time was when I thought the Atlantic and Pacific oceans were protection to the U.S.A. Perchance they are now become no less protection to Europe and Asia.

The foregoing is not "off the record".

Now for a "constructive suggestion". I conceive of the Neutrality Act and the Ludlow Amendment as a renewal of the controversy of parliament v. king, the method of conducting foreign relations at the time of George III having been crystallized in our Constitution, with a gradual encroachment of the executive upon appropriate congressional participation. Even these trade pacts of Secretary Hull seem to me to be not only illegal but an unwise surrender of congressional power into the hands of the executive. The president is not only the president of the people of the United States but he is the successor of George III. When that idea is gotten across to the American people, there may be more success in curbing that unbridled power.

Incidentally, in this same connection, there is something radically wrong in our jurisprudence if my right as a citizen that the president shall enforce that Neutrality Act has not been violated and may not be redressed by mandatory injunction, although my interest and the damages be so remote. I have given the matter neither thought or study, but it does seem that impeachment would not be the sole recourse against a president in such a plain and, to use Lansing's favorite adjective, manifest violation of his duty to enforce the laws.

A second suggestion: Please do not dismiss the matter of bringing our foreign relations from the secret practice (which became really secret under Wilson and even more so ever since and down to the present instant) out into the open. How far out and how much out might be debatable, but that there should be less secrecy than at present seems to me undebatable.

The matter is too large for discussion here, but my experience has been that where you fear to trust implicitly a bright light is considerable protection.

It is not intended that these two matters are any criticism of your Saturday exposition, or that they had any place therein. You had a limited time for three educational lectures, and I do not think that the ground could have been covered more efficiently or that stress and emphasis was not placed where it belonged. My thought is that in the large program of securing peace, or preserving peace, these matters have a place after they have been adequately considered as to advisability, practicability, etc. and are not discarded.

Best wishes for your success at Yale,

Hubert Starr

515 North 7th Street,
Lafayette, Indiana,
May 31, 1938.

Dr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Doctor Page:

I am happy that you will read my manuscript. You will readily discern that if the Christian world should accept the coincidences that I present as providential and not fortuitous, this faith would play a dominant part in the future behavior of Christians.

The enclosed is your copy, so keep it and, if you please, show it to friends, or explain to them more simply the gist of the hypothesis.

Are you a Friend? My mother was a Quakeress.

Gratefully yours.

Paul Mavity

IS HITLER ANTICHRIST?

An Experiment in Jewish Mysticism

By P. W. M. (a Nordic)

Psychic research, the establishment of the validity of telepathy by Professor Rhine of Duke University, sacred writings, and the writings of certain scientists who believe in mysticism (notably Doctor Alexis Carrel) have familiarized a section of the public with the supernatural, the extra-sensory, and the mystical. To many persons, therefore, the claims of the devotees of cabala, a secret system of interpretation employed by a type of Jewish mystic, will not be incredible.

Cabala presupposes that all the minute details of certain Scriptural passages or books (or of the entire Bible, as some Fundamentalists insist) have been foreordained; that the writers and translators of those passages or books (or of all Biblical books) have invariably performed their labors under supernatural influence that has resulted in a crystallization of the text into a predetermined pattern.

Most of the cabalists have been orthodox Jewish rabbis specializing in the search for hidden meanings in the text of the first five books of the Old Testament. Some of the methods of those rabbis I once applied to certain parts of the New Testament. The results of my experiment are startling.

The cabalists sometimes selected every seventh letter as the first step in their esoteric interpretations, so I applied this process to the last verse of the King James version of Revelation 13, the verse that gives Antichrist's number as 666. (At the time of my first experiment--in 1936--this was the only part of the New Testament that seemed to me to invite or warrant a cabalistic treatment.) These are the letters thus selected:

WEANNUUTTSBASINRE

For convenience let us call letters so selected "first-step letters." If these first-step letters of Rev. 13:18 mean anything they probably mean "We a nut's basin; repeat," with special emphasis upon the word "nut". The inference may be that first-step letters appearing twice in a verse are the letters that yield the kernel or nut in one's attempt to solve the enigma of the chapter. Besides the letters N, U, and T, first-step letters occurring twice in verse 18 are E, A, and S, with which one may spell "sea". This word may indicate that of the two beasts of the chapter, the one referred to in the last verse is he who is seen to "rise up out of the sea"--the sea meaning, to one of Saint John's day, the Mediterranean, on one of whose islands the revelation was given. All this might seem to be mere unprofitable hocus-pocus if further experiments did not seem so significant.

Let us now experiment with another verse of the chapter, the tenth, which reads: "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Of the first-step letters of this verse (every seventh), there are two or more each of L, I, T, H, R, and E, the letters of the name Hitler. H, I, T, L, E, R, then, are the second-step or final-step letters, arranged in an order that harmonizes perfectly with at least nine other cabalistic messages--all the messages that I have thus far read.

(To anyone familiar with the mathematics of chance it is axiomatic that the proportions in which letters are used in English play a large part in determining our cabalistic readings; but the final-step letters are never just so many consecutive letters of the frequency list. For example, A, N, O, and S are more frequent in English literature than H or R, and A, N, O, S, and D are more frequent than L, but in the tenth verse of Chapter 13 A, N, O, S, and D are absent from the final-step letters, while H, L, and R are present.)

~~Napoleon knew that the world cannot be conquered without wresting from England her supremacy at sea. Hitler must know the same thing. If he is the master mind behind impending naval (including submarine) warfare*, one might call this madman, in the vernacular, the "sea-mat" the words "sea" and "mat" deriving from verse 13 as explained above. If it seems incredible that God should speak to man in the vernacular, let it be remembered that the original language of the gospels was vernacular Greek.~~

If each verse of the chapter except the last (which, as a key to the method, is in a separate class) is individually treated in the same manner, without using any letter more than once

~~*Most of this article was written in July, 1937.~~

unless it occurs as a first-step letter five* or more times in some verse, the cumulative product can be arranged in this order:

ADO F HITLER: B G SHOWM N

God is not without humor. Nearly any informed person who is not an admirer of Hitler will at once feel the pertinence of this rendition.

From the verses of Chapter 13 that refer to the two-horned beast or false prophet (11 to 17 inclusive) I once tried to identify that prophet, but instead of the result sought I got this message, which is more important:

N.B.--HIT., FALSE GOD

By cabala the "locusts" and "horsemen" of Chapter 9 are, apparently, ADOLF HITLER'S SWINE, for the final-step letters are C(See) ADO F HITLERS SWINE. The two names of the "king" of the locusts, Abaddon and Apollyon, if all the letters of each are treated as first-step letters, yield ADOL. The first two verses referring to tormenting locusts yield ANTI-REDS; the first two referring to slaying horsemen yield SAINT-FOES, meaning, doubtless, foes to saints.

The name of the first horseman of Chapter 6 (verses 1 and 2) is either NO-HATE (meaning one with no hate for persons, though he may hate deeds and doctrines) or NO-CHEAT. (To get the reading NO-HATE one must assume that C means See.)

Babylon, the great city and harlot of Chapter 17, seems to be HITLER'S VAIN WIDOW--Berlin, the widow of Hindenburg, now Hitler's mistress. Either the name Babylon or Berlin can be

*The only numbers used in this process are 7 and its terms 2 & 5.

skeletonized B--l-n. If cabala applied to verse 5 means anything, spiritually Babylon is either HATE or HEAT, the latter being synonymous with passion, and hate is the chief passion.

When Bergama of Asia Minor was the Pergamos of Revelation it was "Satan's seat" (Chapter 2); it contained a temple to Augustus as early as 29 B.C., and the city was the center of the cult in Asia, a cult differing little from the modern worship of "Der Führer." Sculptures discovered in Bergama are preserved in Berlin. Berlin may be destined to become the world's chief symbol of greed and tyranny and glamour, a city of the same type as ancient Babylon, Rome, and Pergamos. But greed and tyranny are not peculiar to any one city or people: nearly every man has a Babylon within him, corrupting his soul and establishing his kinship with the great corrupt powers of the earth.

~~In Saint John's day Rome was Babylon. If Caesar Hitler should move his capital to the Roman end of the "Rome Berlin axis," Rome, or the axis as a whole, might become the prime symbol of Babylon of the Apocalypse.~~

In Chapter 20 we read, "I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus." One inevitably thinks of German decapitation under Hitler.

Are the development of language, the naming of infants, and the rôles of the influential men of the world all providential parts of the Great Playwright's design? Is Adolf Hitler, the big showman with his Circus Maximus, a foreordained and prophesied persecutor? Will this man, who has already been called by

bewitched subjects "the Savior" and "the Holy Ghost," be saluted on German marks as the Savior, as Nero (number 666) was saluted on Roman coins? And is the "mark of the beast," without which, according to the prophecy, "no man might buy or sell," the German mark (money)?

It has been aptly said that Hitler is Germany. If he should conquer the world as Napoleon hoped to do, it will be a brief and shameful victory.

Are the ten Babylon-destroying horns upon the beast the Ten Lost Tribes by reincarnation or migration? Possibly they are the lost tribes of man.

There is an old tradition that Antichrist will be a pseudo-Nero, or Nero redivivus, or Nero reincarnated. Some of the cabalists have believed that each soul undergoes four reincarnations, which scheme of metempsychosis, if real, must have resulted in the existence on earth of four types of persons potentially classifiable by rules not yet recognized. Could such types have any relation to the four types of human stomach, the four types of human blood, or the four types of wave-patterns that have been recorded by investigators of electric changes in human brains? Be that as it may, if Hitler is Nero reincarnated from one to four times he has changed since his irresolute suicide in 68 A.D.: he is as cruel as the Roman emperor, but, notwithstanding his sometime friendship for the homosexual Roehm, he is reputed ascetic.

The apocalyptic prophecy of the eight heads is already

fulfilled as far as the appearance of the sixth. The five great "fallen" heads of the German people--Frederick II, William I, Bismarck, William II, and Hindenburg--were all men of blood-and-iron policy, like five Cæsars, and like Hitler the sixth German head who now is. Who the prophesied brief seventh head and the revolutionary Babylon-destroying eighth will be, time will disclose--if indeed time does not rather prove the error of assuming too much from these numerous amazing coincidences.

No Scripture is of private interpretation. The writer (who is miserably unworthy to be a prophet) hopes that many earnest persons, including Jewish rabbis, will join him in the search for truth and wisdom by a cabalistic interpretation of Revelation. The Douay-Rheims version and the Lutheran Bible should ~~###~~ be studied. In this search it is less important to fix external guilt than to purge one's own soul; yet we need to know who and what are the chief enemies of God and man, lest the glamour of their worldly "success" bewitch us. The enemy of enemies seems to be Babylon--hate. "God is love."

SIDNEY D. GAMBLE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 31st, 1938

Dear Kirby:

Your letter requesting a loan came in last week in the middle of a couple of days when I was in the office only for fleeting moments. Sam Dean of Peiping was in town and we were having a good visit discussing things Chinese.

In order not to hold you up, I sent you the requested check for \$500 without taking time to accompany it with a letter and a formal note for your signature. I enclose the note herewith which I will ask you to sign and return to me.

I can well imagine how the payments needed to cover trees and irrigating system would put a big dent in the family cash reserve. However, once it is done you have added at least that much value to the place, ~~for~~ With the amount of labor available, you should have relatively few expenses during the next years before the trees reach bearing age.

It must be a great satisfaction to you to have Kirby Jr. so much interested in fruit raising and life on the land. If the trees give anywhere near the estimated returns, your property should in the relatively near future provide a reasonable return on the investment and a good living for those connected with it. I am wondering whether Kirby Jr. will find that he needs to have further college work to give him additional background for fruit raising or whether he can get what he needs from the County agent. With so many people in the fruit field, a man needs to know his stuff if he is to do a job that will bring returns above the average.

I was much interested to hear that your brother has married. I take it he feels that he can look forward to some economic security because of the prospect of your hilltop. I hope the added member to the family will not put too much additional burden on you.

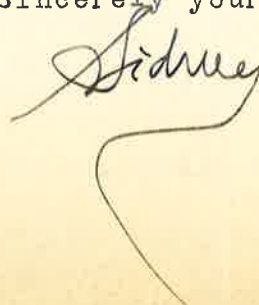
So Yale is taking a chance and giving you an opportunity to inoculate some of their students. That ought to be a very interesting project for next fall. As seminars meet fairly regularly, I assume this means you will be in this part of the country for most of the fall. I hope we will have a chance to see something of you.

We are taking the whole family to Bermuda this coming Saturday and will then plan to be in Michigan after the first of July.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SDG:RP
Mr. Kirby Page,
P.O.Box 247,
La Habra, California.



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Mr. Kirby Page,
Box. 247,
La Habra, Calif.

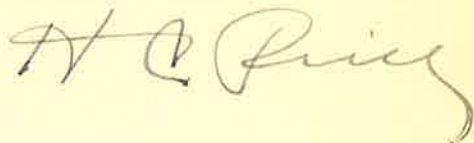
Dear Mr. Page:

Your letter of May 12th was duly received. We note the outline of the work which you have been endeavoring to accomplish in the past few months, and also note that you are interested in receiving a contribution to assist you in carrying on your work.

In accordance with the understanding, I am enclosing herewith check which I trust will be received without further delay.

Trusting you may have an enjoyable summer and with kindest regards,

Yours truly,



H.C. Price
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May 31, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
Postoffice Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

I received your letter this morning, and I am very happy to have received the books. I did get all that I ordered and an extra copy of "Must We Go To War."

Had I only received the one copy, "Creative Pioneers" my money would have been very well invested. I haven't had the privilege of reading all the books you have written, but during the next few months I hope to not only read them but study them. I am sure they have plenty of "food for thought." We need more outstanding readers and thinkers who can so ably express themselves. It is most difficult to find any place in any of your writings where I disagreed with you. This is most unusual, as I have been accused of being very critical. Of course, I haven't read all of your books, but feel that I am fairly well acquainted with you through the two I have looked over, and especially the one I studied.

I was most anxious to have you personally autograph your books. It adds a personal touch to them and it relieves the possibility of any one keeping them when they borrow them. I have found that book borrowers hesitate in keeping books personally autographed to the lender. When you are in Fullerton, I shall be most happy to have you stop at the Junior College and autograph them for me.

I certainly want to thank Mrs. Page for her favors and courtesies extended me in sending out different copies. I am perfectly well satisfied to receive even an older copy of "Living Triumphantly." I can hardly wait until I get started reading it.

May I again extend my thanks and appreciation for your thoughtfulness and fairness in the matter. If you will tell me how much the extra copy of "Must We Go To War" is, I shall try to sell it for you or keep it myself and give it to some one to read.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles L. Ruby
m. 8.

May 31, 1938

Dear Leak:

It was good of you to write at such length and I was glad to get the various details. Because we are carrying so many heavy monthly payments just now we have decided that it is not practicable for us to assume the monthly payments on your insurance policy, consequently it will lapse. We do appreciate your willingness to let us take over this policy. Under some other circumstances we would have been in a position to do it.

Don't worry about the monthly payments on the \$300 loan. As soon as you begin to get on your feet you can make payments. In the meantime we will get along.

I expect to stop off and see mother on my way back from the East, probably on July 2 or 3. I do hope that I will be able to see you folks while there.

All goes well with us here. We are immensely pleased with Marie. They seem to be exceedingly happy and well adjusted. Margaret is a great joy to everybody here on the hill-top. You will remember she is about three years old. The change which has come over Perry in the last 18 months is almost incredible. We are delighted indeed with the way he is coming along. Everybody here joins in sending affectionate greetings.

Affectionately yours,

June 1, 1938

Dear Ernest:

It was kind of you to write as you did. I am supposed to lead two seminars each of two hours duration every Wednesday during the fall term. The arrangement is for the fall term only. One seminar will deal with Christianity and Social Action and the other one will treat modern social systems. I am looking forward eagerly to this as a very invigorating experience.

I am sorry indeed that our paths do not cross more often.

Cordially yours,

Mr. P. Ernest Johnson
Federal Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

XP:MK

June 1, 1938

My dear Friend:

Your telegram has just been received. Much to my surprise I do not seem to have available your street address and I am hoping this letter will reach you nevertheless.

I am puzzled to know that I ought to do in response to your message. Needless to say, I am in complete sympathy with all efforts to preserve civil liberties and to prevent lawless action by public officials, but I know so little about the situation in Detroit that I am reluctant to send you the message suggested. I think it is dangerous habit to rush into print without detailed knowledge of a specific situation.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Rev. J. H. Bollen
Detroit, Michigan

KP:MK

June 1, 1938

Dear Sherwood:

Have you seen the article on psychical research in the June Harpers? In order to save time I am enclosing a copy herewith. You will find it interesting.

How are you coming along with the new book? I hope that you are finding the study rewarding. Have you reached any more definite conclusions? As I told you previously, my own mind is a big question mark. I have no dogmatic negative convictions and on the other hand I have not looked into the matter with sufficient care to be convinced.

What progress are you making with your book on religion? What is your guess as to the probable date of publication?

I am becoming more and more thrilled with the possibilities of "Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action." So much so that I am not going to rush it through. It now seems likely that I will not try to send it to press until the end of January. This means that it will probably be a spring book next year. The two seminars at Yale should prove to be invaluable in the preparation of this book.

This hilltop is really a wonderful place to work. I provides beauty, quietness and seclusion. Fortunately my own library is, in its narrow field, very satisfactory. Then too I have access to several big libraries with an hours distance.

Both Kirby, Jr. and Mary are expecting to be graduated next week, believe it or not.

It is a source of deep regret to me that I do not get to see you more often.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sherwood Eddy
52 Vanderbilt Ave., Room 1101
New York, New York

Encl.
KP:MK

June 1, 1938

Dear Sydney:

Alma and I were overwhelmed with the promptness with which you responded. You are a generous friend. Your loan will help us over a very rough spot in the road. We are indeed grateful.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sydney D. Gamble
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, New York

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52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

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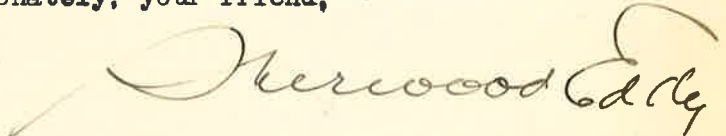
Kirby and Mary Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, Calif.

My dear Mary and Kirby:

Let me congratulate you on your graduation
from Whittier College. This is indeed a great event.
How the years pass!

I wish I could be present at your graduation
where you will be an honor to your great father.

Ever affectionately, your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherwood Eddy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

SE:KB

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORT, JUNE 1, 1938

Owing to the "concern" of my Quaker friend, I have been making a study during this year of psychic phenomena and have had some very remarkable results. Through Dr. Macbeth I have seen independent writing and heard the direct voice for hours with much evidential material.

This week my attention was called to Edgar Cayce, of Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is the most remarkable psychic that I know in three particulars - the diagnosis of disease, direct or exact prescription for healing, usually under a doctor's care, and in that he is unconscious of any "control" and believes that there is no "control" but that these phenomena take place when he "puts himself to sleep" in the superconscious realm.

Edgar Cayce was born sixty years ago on a little farm in Hopkinsville, in western Kentucky. After repeated evidence of psychic gifts his first experience in healing was on March 27, 1901. He had lost his voice, had severe headaches, and was unconscious. He had been given "a promise" and was urged to "put himself to sleep" under self-induced hypnosis. At that time in deep trance his words were taken down: "Yes, we can see the body. In the normal physical state this body is unable to speak, due to a partial paralysis of the inferior muscles of the vocal cords, produced by nerve strain. This is a psychological condition producing a physical effect. This may be removed by increasing the circulation to the affected parts by suggestion while in this unconscious condition." When he awoke he could speak and within a short time he was completely well.

Dr. Lane induced him to diagnose his patients by this method, which he did with striking success for a year. The doctor would visit him and inquire under hypnosis concerning a dozen of his patients. For the next year and a half he did the same for Dr. John Blackburn. He was paid nothing for this service. Doctors under the State Medical Board experimented upon him, stuck

hat pins through his cheeks, pried up a finger nail, so that when he came out of his sleep he said "I am through with doctors." He now has this experience only in the presence of his wife and a stenographer. He has had some 20,000 of these readings or sittings in the last 38 years, with the patient present or absent. He can diagnose them equally well at a distance and asks no information with regard to the patient in advance.

In 1910 he was asked to take the case of a little girl who had lost her mind, or whose mind had never developed. The readings showed that her case was one of "congestion at the base of the brain." He outlined the treatment that should be given and within three months she was in perfect health as testified by her father in a sworn statement.

I heard five doctors here in New York testify as to some 400 cases referred to them by Mr. Cayce. To one of them I went yesterday concerning a slight trouble which remains in my back after three of the best orthopedic specialists in America had diagnosed it for several years. This doctor says that of some 300 of Mr. Cayce's cases that he has handled he finds that they average 20% higher than those of the best specialists who refer cases to him. Occasionally a diagnosis seems to him wrong. A second doctor who has handled more than 100 of his cases, and who sent his own wife to Mr. Cayce, says that his diagnoses have been accurate in 80% of the cases, partially right in 20%, and wrong in none. A third doctor told me that he was taken with a violent hemorrhage and referred the case at once to Mr. Cayce, having more confidence in him than in any medical man in his own profession. Mr. Cayce's diagnosis showed that there was nothing wrong with the lungs but that the trouble was in the throat. He followed the directions and was completely well in five days, with no return of the trouble. He believes that the medical profession was incapable of such a diagnosis and cure.

I have read a number of these readings given when he is in deep trance and entirely unconscious. He seems to look right through the whole body, the blood stream, the balance of red and white corpuscles, the heart, and all vital organs, the nervous system, and then states the disease - its cause and cure, usually with uncanny accuracy.

In my own reading I got his permission, since my case was a brief one, to ask a few miscellaneous questions. I asked about my friend, Raymond Robbins, at his home in Florida suffering from his back broken more than a year ago and paralyzed from the waist down. He gave a reading for him. I then asked him a catch question. When I repeated the question when he was awake he knew absolutely nothing about it. He is a simple, transparent, orthodox, almost fundamentalist Christian who has only been through primary school. He could not give me any answer at all to my question about the writing of the four gospels, the authors and dates. A moment before, when unconscious, he had given me the answer of a scholar as to the Gospel of Mark being written first at the dictation of Peter; Matthew being written 33 or 34 years later, and the Fourth Gospel not by John the Apostle, but by another John, although bearing the marks of several hands.

I have just come from seeing a business man in New York who has known him intimately for several decades and whose life has been radically changed by him. He told me of one or two instances of Mr. Cayce's power of clairvoyance shown in his earlier years. He has no use for these things now and I mention them only because of their evidential value for beginners.

Warren P. Andrews, a banker in Fort Worth, Texas, challenged Mr. Cayce to tell the combination of his safe which he had written on a paper and locked up. Mr. Cayce refused to touch anything so trifling. Three weeks later, however, he felt moved to do it. He stated the exact words upon the paper correctly and pointed out that they were not the correct combination of his safe, whereat Mr. Andrews testified to the exact accuracy of the statement. Later he described to a New York business man his successive actions on a given morning, the contents of his mail, and every detail of his life at the moment.

His prescriptions seem completely supernormal. One that he gave could not be found till he gave again the entire prescription and how to make it. A man in New York found the same prescription in the mail which was used 100 years ago in France; a second was unheard of but was issued by a leading chemical firm within a week after it was given.

To me the striking things about Edgar Cayce are, first, the man himself. He is the most deeply spiritual psychic that I know. Second, so much of his work is in the practical sphere of diagnosis and healing that can be checked up in hundreds of cases by physicians. And, finally, he seems to show an extension of the human mind in the subconscious or superconscious realms that seems to our every day life to be clearly supernormal. I believe that he has given a correct reading with regard to my back, and I am following out his prescription with a New York doctor until I sail.

Mr. Cayce is a poor man and has a note due at the bank at this moment as he has had many times throughout his life for he has always refused to make money or to commercialize his psychic gift (save for one brief period of some months when he tried this with disastrous consequences and complete loss of his psychic power for this period. This mistake or fault he frankly confesses). There are, however, large expenses connected with his work which is now organized as the Association for Research and Enlightenment, Inc., in Virginia Beach, Virginia. This association charges \$20. for a sitting or reading. The life reading reviews the past and deals with one's life in a large way. The physical reading is for those who have some sickness, especially if it cannot be satisfactorily diagnosed and handled by their resident physicians. One may be present or absent when given these readings. Mr. Cayce is only able to do two a day - one in the morning, and the other in the afternoon. Virginia Beach is an hour from Norfolk, Virginia, and a night's journey from New York.

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AUGUSTA

E. C. PETERS, PRESIDENT

GEORGIA

June 2, 1938

Mr Kirby Page
La Habra
California

Dear Mr. Page:

The theme for our Institute of Socio-Religious Affairs to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend is ~~THE~~ CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO POLITICS. We are very anxious to secure Herman Thomas for the Institute and I wondered if you would be willing to write to Mr. Thomas and tell him something about the situation in which the conference is held.

Dr. Channing H. Tobias seemed to think that you would be able to interest Mr. Thomas in coming if anyone could.

We have depended on Mr. Claud Nelson to help us contact leaders for the conference and we find ourselves very much handicapped by his not being in the United States.

I am writing to Mr. Thomas and telling him that I have asked you to write him also. You will find a copy of the letter written to him inclosed.

Inclosed you will also find a report of the Institute for last year. Thank you for your contribution to that meeting. Having you with us meant a lot to all these who attended.

I shall be very grateful for anything which you can do to help us interest Mr. Thomas in coming this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn Berry
Evelyn Berry.

Redlands, California,
June 2, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, California.

Kirby:
Dear ~~Mr.~~ Page:

Thank you for your letter telling me that the better cottage, Wisawanik, could be available for us at Estes Park. We are very glad to have it; I at once telegraphed Mr. Mayer to say so, and then sent him a more detailed air-mail letter, along with a new check to cover the additional amount needed for a deposit. I have told him that we shall stay a month if possible, including a week or so after your Conference closes, and possibly two or three days before it begins if he can take us so early.

This is just a word to ~~ex~~press my appreciation of your thought for us, for we surely will be much more comfortable as a family in this better cottage. Your visit to Redlands last week meant a great deal to the University; many have since indicated how they were stimulated to much better thinking and action.

Sincerely

Earl

Earl Cranston

June 3, 1938

My dear Mr. Hipps:

Your letter of May 15 has just come. I am so glad that my book reached you. I have been working incessantly to create the kind of public opinion that will bring pressure to bear upon Washington to invoke the Neutrality law which would automatically stop sales of munitions and war supplies to both Japan and China. This effort has been made more difficult by reason of the fact that many friends of China in this country have opposed the invoking of the Neutrality law on the ground that it would penalize China more than it would Japan.

I hope that you will keep me in touch with significant developments.

Cordially yours,

Mr. J. B. Hipps
30 Route Doumer
Shanghai, China

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GROSS W. ALEXANDER
P. O. BOX 9

June 3, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habre, Calif.

My dear Kirby:

Your letter of May 23 reached me after returning from an extensive trip in the East searching for someone to exchange with me in churches. After a year's search, with practically no cooperation from any superintendent, and no Bishop (I mean real aid), I found a man who is now at Park Ridge, New Jersey, who must come West for reasons of health etc., with whom I am to exchange. This means I cannot attend your conference at Estes Park, for which I am indeed sorry.

Park Ridge is a town of 1/10th the size of Pocatello, the church has 1/3rd the membership, the salary is much less. But thus I find release from my exile in an ecclesiastical Siberia, as I wrote Bishop Baker. Incidentally, the Rosewood Church of Los Angeles, where I served before coming to Pocatello, is in exactly the same situation it has been in now for many years, with one pastor after another (some for one cause and some another) being routed by the tiny group who dominate the situation, and who were practically defeated when Brother Leonard Oechsli disgorged me from there but who is now feeling the pressures of the same group in other directions.

I have certainly had some revealing experiences this last year, indeed for the past ten years. If ever one thing were certain, it is that the church puts a premium on conformity, institutionalism, formal piety, with no genuine concern for the religion of Jesus, or the bringing of the Kingdom of God on earth. Experience is the best teacher; and I have learned it with indelible lessons. Just what is to be our future, I do not know.

That is the reason I'm writing this letter to you, and inclosing all the papers you see herewith. Won't you be kind enough, in the interest of the Kingdom, to read them over and help to advise me. It is quite likely that I will not get along at Park Ridge, if I preach the Gospel. Then what am I to do? I must be aware of the future and the outcome, if I am to be intelligent about my present operations. I should appreciate your severest criticisms; say anything you please about my failures. And then you don't know half. But it would seem that I have one asset: I am able to obtain the confidence of the so-called disinherited, dispossessed, alienated masses. The church does not want them; and religion seems to be on the decline. In no place of which I know is religion going well -- Russia, Germany, Spain, America. And even the so-called liberal administrators put the premium on alleged financial support at the expense of principle, and on peace as opposed to truth. Tell me, am I utterly hopeless, utterly useless?

What would become of you, were you the settled pastor of an actual church? Suppose Francis of Assisi, Luther, Wesley, had been bound by a stated location, income, authority, and ecclesiastical formalism? I'm writing this hastily, but very earnestly. It probably is not worth your time to read.

Ever yours, ever affectionately yours,

Incl.: Memo, Letters of recom.,
Letter to Bishop Baker.

Gross

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Mr. Kirby Page
Student Conference
Blue Ridge, N. C.

Dear Kirby Page:

Harold Fey and I have discussed the development of F.O.R. work in the fall concluding that a series of local conferences should follow the national conference at Northover. We are sending a letter to some sixty or seventy F.O.R. people asking them to arrange such conferences. I notice that your itinerary for the fall will take you into some of the places to which we are writing. We do not have a copy of your itinerary but I ran across one of your prospective schedules in Milwaukee, I think. At any rate, this letter is to inquire whether or not you would be interested in fitting into our plans in any way or having us fit into yours. I enclose a copy of the letter we are mailing to leaders in the northern states and the Pacific Coast. I shall be in Detroit during June and in the Friends Work Camps during July but will endeavor to work out an integrated plan as replies come back. I know many of the people are anxious to hear you. If you feel there is any way we should work together, please let me know.

Cordially,

Laurence T. Hosie

LAURENCE T. HOSIE

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Dictated but signed in the absence of Mr. Hosie.

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Dear Friend:

The F.O.R. is planning now for the development and extension of its work in the fall. As you know the Annual Conference is held at Northover Camp, Bound Brook, N. J., in September but naturally this tends to draw delegates primarily from the East. It seems imperative that the results of pacifist thinking and planning be carried into every community where religious pacifists are seeking to demonstrate the power of love and good will.

We are, therefore, writing you and a few other friends asking you seriously to consider the possibility of holding a conference some time in October or November, 1938. The desire is not primarily to have a big meeting but rather to bring together religious pacifists who desire to plan their work with others nationally and to strengthen the sense of fellowship which is so precious to us all. It is probable that in many communities the conference can be an all day conference with the evening meeting given over to the public with a view to presenting the F.O.R. to those who have displayed interest in our point of view. In some instances the conference may occupy two days or an entire weekend.

It will be a real help to all who participate, we know by experience. By planning well ahead the work and trouble connected with promotion will be minimized. Will you seriously consider the possibility of such a conference knowing that we here at 2929 Broadway are willing to cooperate in every way and are desirous of providing such help from here as we can? Either John Nevin Sayre, Harold E. Fey or myself will plan to be present if desired. If you have any suggestions now as to dates, that will help greatly in working out itineraries and schedules.

From our point of view this is not "another meeting", but an attempt to develop our fellowship so that we may go forward with renewed strength and courage.

Yours in fellowship,

LAURENCE T. HOSIE

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Trinity
Methodist Episcopal Church
DENVER, COLORADO

June Four
1938.

Dr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Your recent letter in reference to supplying Trinity Pulpit through August is at hand. Upon its receipt I was elated. Immediately I turned the proposition over to our Committee on Pulpit Supply.

I expect in a day or so to get their affirmative action. I will let you know in the course of the next few days as to what they have decided.

Personally, I am very eager to have you supply the pulpit through August.

With very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Otto O. Hansen

OHH/d

List 7

June 6, 1938

Dear Gross:

I am keenly interested in your letter which has just come. I have read the various documents which you have enclosed and appreciated your thoughtfulness in letting me see them.

I agree with your judgment that it is difficult and dangerous to proclaim clearly or to attempt resolutely the religion of Jesus. Much of your difficulty in the past has undoubtedly resulted from the vigor with which you have interpreted Christianity in the realms of economics and politics.

The only basic criticism that I have heard of your work is to the effect that at times you are too gruff and blunt. The longer I live the more thoroughly I become convinced that the more radical we are the more imperative is the need of tact and consideration. I realize full well that the attempt to be tactful is full of danger because such an effort may carry us into fatal compromises. How to keep the balance between forthrightness and kindness is the problem.

Sometime during the fall I hope that our paths will cross. It would be nice to have a long talk with you. Believe, me, I have the highest regard and warmest affection for you.

As ever,

Rev. Gross W. Alexander
P. O. Box 9
Pocatello, Idaho

KP:MK

Subsidizing Opinions Along With Buildings

A MASSIVE armored door swung abruptly shut as Kirby Page was about to bring his message of world peace to the students of Oregon State Agricultural College last Monday. The door, in the form of a "suggestion" from President Kerr to the leader of the groups sponsoring his appearance, left him standing outside the college walls. He had been chosen, but he could not enter.

The Emerald believes that the O. S. C. students have been deprived of something valuable. It has cast about to find a plausible excuse for such high-handed nullification of the principle of free speech. Some figures may illumine the corner unlightened by publicity.

Among the federal appropriations to Oregon State College we see listed in the official catalogue such items as: \$61,000 each year from land funds, about \$70,000 for the experimental station, and nearly \$70,000 more for extension work. In addition, Uncle keeps the elaborate military accoutrements shining that distinguish our sister institution, not as an agricultural college, but as the "West Point of the West."

Must we infer that, for these considerations, this particular one of Uncle Sam's handmaidens can look neither to right nor left for fear of being displeasing to her liege? Has she dispensed her birthright of independent determination?

The expression of an intelligent opinion on so vital a topic as that of Page's is of the life-blood of an intellectual body. Its suppression does not seem gracious. It was panicky and injudicious. For educationalists know that subsidized intellectual equipment is fatal to the real purpose of an institution even though its pawns are manipulated on the grassiest of donated parade grounds.

In cancelling this peace lecture as a matter of policy, the O. S. C. military autocracy — or whatever power so moved — betrayed an unflattering conception of their federal patron. We know him of late as sending out emissaries of goodwill throughout the world. And such would be affronted by one little discussion of the world's biggest problem by one who, perhaps, has

most nearly probed to the seat of the difficulties in the way of its solution.

On the contrary, we expect sooner to see the kindly and generous gentleman reprovingly slap the wrist of his erring handmaiden. For he, as we, will surely see that she has been, not only illmannered, but priggish and narrow.

Where Peace Won't Mix With Hospitality

FROM the posters still bedotting the campus it appears that there will be no repetition here of the West Virginia University mystery. The principal in the mystery is Kirby Page, who will speak in Villard next Tuesday night on "The Outlawry of War." And the desertion of the hallowed Southern hospitality at his approach is noteworthy.

More than a month ago Kirby Page was likewise to appear before the West Virginia students with the same message that he is bringing here. All was set for the lecture when dark murmurings concerning insidious propaganda began to be articulated through the Athenaeum, West Virginia student paper. The watchful New Student observed:

"Mr. Page, although scheduled, is not going to speak at West Virginia University, and no one knows why."

"The Athenaeum professes ignorance of the pros and cons of the case. . . . neither the Y. W. C. A., which was to sponsor Page's lecture, nor the military men who opposed him, either defended or attacked him openly."

The West Virginia University incident is symptomatic of the very aberration which Page is diagnosing and trying to correct—the panicky distrust of ideas other than the usual; the unsocial terror of anything foreign that banquets the dogs of war. ^{And} what is the military but potential war? Here again, as at Geneva not so long ago, the program of peace was at the disposal of militarists.

Kirby Page is attempting the solution to a problem second to none in the minds of the thinking world. Russia, the pivotal point of much dubious speculation by orthodox statesmen since its complete disarmament challenge last month, has been his particular first-hand study.

An opportunity to obtain authentic facts of world affairs and their disposition toward peace should interest every serious student. Page's discussion promises an objective consideration of the problem with intelligent suggestions for a workable peace plan.

Jan. 6.

Emerald Editorial

June 6, 1938

Dear Harold:

I have just received the tentative draft of the program for Northover. I like it very much indeed and hope that you are able to enlist this very impressive leadership.

It is my misfortune that the Fellowship Conference always comes before the end of September. It happens that my division of the twelve months keeps me in California till almost the end of September, since that is not one of the good periods for speaking. This means that I lose the very valuable experience of being at the conference.

Let me tell you how greatly I rejoice over the accumulative evidence that your influence is steadily growing throughout the country. I only wish that I could see you more often.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Harold E. Fey
Fellowship of Reconciliation
2929 Broadway
New York, New York

KP:MK

June 6, 1938

My dear Mr. Price:

You can have little idea how much difference your generous check makes in our financial situation. Once more I want to say to you with all possible emphasis that my independent work simply could not be carried on without the generous cooperation of a half dozen friends.

Just now I am spending every available moment on a new book, "Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action." I am getting more and more excited about it. Saturday I leave for student conferences in the East.

I do hope that you and Mrs. Price manage to get a good rest this summer.

Cordially yours,

Mr. H. E. Price
Executive Office
Hoover Company
North Canton, Ohio

XP:MK

June 6, 1938

Dear Sidney:

Your letter of May 31 apparently cross my note to you.
By this time you are in Bermuda and I hope that you folks
are having a good rest.

So you are going to the woods about the first of July?
I know how eagerly you look forward to these joyous days
with the family.

Herewith I am enclosing the signed note and want to tell
you once more how much I appreciate your long continued
generous cooperation.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Encl.
KP:MK

June 8, 1938

My dear Friend:

I am writing you in behalf of two classmates of our son, Richard de Moulpied and Arthur George. They are being graduated from Whittier College this week and like millions of other youngsters are trying to find jobs. It has occurred to me that you might conceivably know of some opening into which they could be fitted. Dick de Moulpied has been one of the outstanding students on the campus, President of the student body, captain of the track team, etc. Both Dick and Art have been constantly in our home and I know them intimately and affectionately. They are thoroughly dependable and both of them have attractive personalities.

I realize that you must be swamped with similar requests, but if by chance you know of some place for them, I will be grateful for your cooperation.

I do wish that I could see you more often.

Cordially yours,

Mr. John Anson Ford
Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles, California

Encl.
KP:MK

June 8, 1938

My dear Miss Berry:

Your letter of June 2 is at hand. I am glad indeed to write to Norman Thomas by this mail, urging that he give the most serious consideration to your important invitation.

I had a grand time in the last Institute.

Cordially yours,

Miss Evelyn Berry
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

KP:MK

June 8, 1938

Dear Norman:

I have just had a letter from Miss Evelyn Berry of Paine College in which she enclosed a copy of her invitation to you. This Institute is really important. To get 16 colleges in Alabama, half white and half Negro, to send delegates to a student conference where there is absolutely no racial discrimination or segregation is an achievement. I think you know the President, Buell Gallagher, is a thorough-going Socialist. You will surely want to accept this invitation if at all possible.

I do wish that I could see you more often.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Norman Thomas
League for Industrial Democracy
112 East 19th Street
New York, New York

KP:MK

First Baptist Church

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REMINGTON STREETS

FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

R. L. DECKER, MINISTER
637 REMINGTON STREET

June 9, 1938

MRS. EARL DOUGLASS, CLERK
207 WEST MYRTLE STREET

Dr. Kirby Page
Postoffice Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

Mr. Lawton of the Denver Y.M.C.A. tells me that you are coming to Estes Park for the month of August.

Would you be available for a Union Sunday Evening Service in Fort Collins one Sunday night during that month? We certainly hope that your schedule will permit such an engagement. What would be a satisfactory honorarium?

Mr. Lawton also says that you are having a number of leaders in religious thought coming to Estes Park for a retreat. Can you tell me who some of them are and whether they might be available for our Sunday Evening Service?

These Union meetings are sponsored by the four larger churches of this city.

With sincere appreciation for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,


R. L. Decker

RLD:AS

ROBERT COWAN GRADY
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TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

Presbyterian Church

Greenville, North Carolina

June 10, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby:

Your note of May 24.

The Yale catalog lists you for only two undergraduate courses-and for fall only. Will it not be possible for a person doing graduate work to take some of it under you? At least, it was ^{possible} on that hope that I sent in my application -which had to be in by June 1! On other hand, if I find that living quarters for two (my wife and I -but whether she will be with me or not will depend on whether she can pick up some work+typing, stenographic etc.) are better at Union in N.Y. than at Yale, may switch over at last minute to Union. Applications there have to be in by August 1.

Carl Voss of Raleigh's United Church -who is also to be at Yale this coming year in that department (Christian Ethics and Social Problems) -though a graduate of Union tells me that outside preaching chances, future contacts etc. much better at Yale than Union.

Possibly you can help me most definitely decide re all the above!

On other hand, if a church should appear on horizon before middle of September I would probably accept same. Quite definitely, though, I am ready to pull up stakes in this part of the country! Attending our General Assembly just about finished me! (see enclosures, which please return). Working within my own denomination seems most hopeless. For instance, dismaying way some of the younger men at General Assembly voted with the older reactionaries!

One thing you might do for me: if you know of any church in your travels in the east -say -which will be needing a pulpit supply during August and/or first three Sundays of September, you might put my name before them, as I leave here last of July, though my resignation not effective until September 1. Would like to pick up extra remuneration during that vacation time -to help in graduate work!

Pardon again a lengthy epistle. I could learn from your letters!

Most cordially,

Robt. C. Grady.

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10 June 1938.

Kirby Page, Esq.,
c/o Student Conference,
Blue Ridge,
North Carolina.

Dear Kirby:

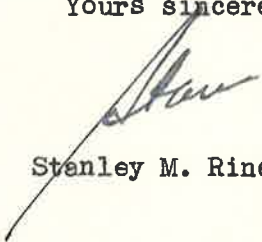
I am glad to hear that the book is coming along so well, but if you don't get the manuscript to us until the 26th of September we couldn't have books for the Religious Book Club distribution in November. You see, that would only give us about four weeks to make them, and it's a pretty long book. Can't you get it to us earlier? Or, failing that, see if the Religious Book Club would distribute it December 1st? I am sure they wouldn't object to our publishing it a little earlier, say the last week in November, which, while late, is not too bad.

We are closing our early autumn catalog now in preparation for our meetings with the salesmen, starting on the 20th. Will you, therefore, give us as complete an outline as possible and enough of the front matter and few pages of text so that we can make a dummy?

Is this title on your outline the final one? It seems like quite a mouthful.

When do you expect to be back here?

Yours sincerely,



Stanley M. Rinehart, Jr.

SMR:wms

PACIFIC COLLEGE

LEVI T. PENNINGTON, PRESIDENT
NEWBERG, OREGON

✓ Sent me

*Please send me free
must be the same?
Living courageously
also a copy of my printed
publicly folder.*

June 10, 1938

Kirby Page
c/o American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Friend:-

Some days ago I heard a Friend stand up in a public meeting and declare that you are a communist, supported by funds from Moscow, that you had acknowledged it during a recent stay in Boise, Idaho, at the termination of which you were "booted out of town" as this man expressed it.

He was objecting to the mention of your name in a certain report of peace activities. I see no reason why one might not cooperate with you in the promotion of peace even if your political and religious views differed from his. But in view of the fact that that man claims that he has documentary evidence that you are a communist supported by funds from Moscow, I wonder if I might have answers to the following questions:

1. Are you a communist?
2. Are you supported by funds from Moscow?
3. Did you acknowledge in this recent stay at Boise that you are a communist?
4. Since so many people think of all communists as being atheists, are you an atheist?

I know of course that you are eager for a better social and economic order than that of the present time. But if you will give me the information I have asked, I shall greatly appreciate it.

Assuring you that I shall appreciate this information and that I shall use it only for your advantage, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington
Levi T. Pennington
President Pacific College

LTP:DV

Answered by H. P.

June 11, 1938

Dear Gene and Betty:

It has been necessary to call off the proposed vacation conference-retreat at Silver Bay, and consequently Alma and Mary will not be coming East. Tom is planning to come to California. This means that we will not be seeing you soon as we had planned. We are, however, spending August at the vacation conference-retreat in Colorado.

Today is graduation day! It seems incredible but it must be true that they have now reached another milestone. You would be thrilled if you could see them and notice the progress both of them have made. We are very proud and happy.

I think you know that Kirby, Jr. is going to devote his full time to raising fruit. On the installment plan we are buying 7-3/4 acres. All the available land has been planted in trees, chiefly avocados and limes. My brother, Perry, and his wife are living in the garage apartment and there is enough work to keep the whole family busy all the time. After three years there ought to be a good living on the place for everybody. Kay works hard and shows good initiative. We are very much pleased with the way he is taking hold.

Alma's health is still frail. She still suffers terribly from the migraine headaches. But this is by all odds the best place for her. She spends much of her time outdoors. The place is covered with flowers of every variety. You would be thrilled if you could see where we live.

We often think and talk of your folks and are eternally grateful for what you did for the youngsters. Do tell us about your own plans.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene House
The Riverside Church
New York, New York.

KP:MK

FRANK W. MICHENER
NEWBERG, OREGON

June 13-58

I sent him a
note, but you
better write,
mich.

Dear Mr. Page.

The statement was made
to a public audience here the other
day that you were a "communist" in
the pay of Moscow Russia. This
statement was used to influence the
Aborn assembly to sever connection
with a certain Peace Organization.
And for this reason I am wanting
to check up on the information.

It is reported that you admitted being
a "communist" and paid by the Russian
organization. Will you kindly advise
me the facts? Some of your books
read years ago influenced me to
positive work for Peace.

It was also publicly stated that the
communists have a bell in most Coast
Cities ready to ring to start a revolution.
Sorry to take your time with this but
consider it important. Thanks for any
information you can give.

Frank W. Michener.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

REV. JOS. H. HARVEY, MINISTER-IN-CHARGE
COLLEGE AND PINE STREETS
TROY, ALABAMA

June 13, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra,
California.

My dear Mr. Page:-

Many, many thanks for the book that
you sent to me: "Must We Go To War"?, which came while
I was out of the city for a few days.

I shall enjoy, and profit by reading
it again and pass on the news and information that it
contains.

With best wishes,

I am,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jos. H. Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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June 15, 1938

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Box 247
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Dear Kirby:

Thank you very much for your note and while I regret that you will not be able to be at the conference I understand the reasons perfectly. Please let me also say how much I appreciate your kindly reference to what limited usefulness I may be developing. I am afraid this is a case of where your affection has warped your usually keen judgement. But nevertheless I am grateful.

I am delighted to hear that you are to be on the Yale Divinity School faculty next year. Doesn't this mean that you will be around this neck of the woods more than usual? I sincerely hope so and hope that it means we will have the opportunity of seeing a great deal more of you. I am having to make some pretty difficult decisions these days and often wish I might have a chance to sit down in unhurried review and talk things over with you. Please take out an evening sometime when you are this way next fall in which we can do this.

Affectionately yours,

Harold

Harold E. Fey

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Dictated by Mr. Fey and signed in his absence.

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515 North 7th Street
Lafayette, Indiana
June 15, 1938

Doctor Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Doctor Page:

I like your frankness, and I believe you will like mine. As David Morton has said of me as a poet, your strength is your weakness. You are so honest and so well acquainted with the history of pseudo-mysticism and quackery and superstition and strict-constructionist narrowness that anything which at first sight appears to be any of these things gives you a revulsion of feeling. But I am sure that after you have considered the problem of my interpretations scientifically you will no longer feel as you do now. What other English literature, even of the King James period, if broken up into units of the average length of the verses of Revelation, could by my system or any other single formula yield a group of secondary

messages supplementary to the text and all apt and harmonious? One would be sure to get, if anything, only the sheerest nonsense, or at most irrelevant and contradictory word combinations. Hitler's name might appear occasionally, but Taine's ^{for example,} would be likely to appear oftener; neither appropriately.

The problem is both a mathematical and a linguistic one, and, from a scientific standpoint, paradoxically both simple and complex: simple in that one of scientific mind can sense the answer, whether he considers it the duty of a scientist to belittle intuition or not; complex if the proposition is demonstrated mathematically.

The magazine Ken, though I do not like it unqualifiedly, in its issue of May 5 contained an article "How Hitler Conquered England" that is almost as ominous as my own prophecies. "The Nazi Propaganda Industry," in the same issue, throws further light on the subject.

Sorry if I have taken too much of your time, which I well know is valuable. Cordially yours,
Paul Maritz

P.S. - I have found six more cabalistic readings.

JAMES E. WAGNER, MINISTER
613 WEST LEMON STREET

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RAY E. BRINARD, FIN. SECY.
513½ W. JAMES STREET

June 16, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Dr. Page:-

I have your letter of June 11, suggesting that I store books remaining from Eastern Synod until you need them next fall.

Unfortunately, I have already forwarded the books to your California address, mailing them from here on May 26. You should have received them by now, and, if they do not appear, I have kept the insurance receipt.

You will recall that, due to the book stand conducted at Synod by our Board, I was not at liberty to circulate the books as freely as I might have otherwise. I am happy to report, however, that I was able to sell seven sets of the combination offer at \$2 each, two separate copies of "Must We Go To War", and 3 copies of "Creative Pioneers" which I myself bought.

Subtracting \$1.35 postage and insurance for the return of the remaining books to you, I am enclosing my check for \$16.15 to cover the balance.

You may be interested to know that, in addition to the three copies above mentioned, I ordered today from Association Press 16 copies of "Creative Pioneers". This Sunday we will have "Our Own Baccalaureate Service", in honor of our church's young people who were in high school and college graduating classes this spring; and we will present to each one a copy of "Creative Pioneers".

May I express my personal gratitude for your addresses at Franklin and Marshall Academy, and before the session of Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. There were many, many favorable comments. It was a pleasure to have you here, and to get to know you personally a little better.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



P. S. I have often been asked just what the Friends' standing with the government is on the matter of their absolute pacifism. Can you enlighten me?

SHERWOOD EDDY

52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

June 16, 1938

Dear Kirby:

I am busy packing to get off on the Queen Mary on the 22nd. My address from the 22nd until the 18th of July will be, Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London, E. 1,

I omit Paris and Berlin, since the Germans refused my visa. From about August 15th to September 30th, address me at The Deanery, Canterbury, England, where I shall be busy writing.

We are all working at high speed in the office to finish everything up. Both the American Seminar and the European Seminar have been a heavy burden on the congested office. Barbara has been working all hours, until late at night, and has been particularly burdened with accounts. There have been incessant declarations to fill out, for income taxes, national, state, municipal excise tax, accounts demanded in Washington for the Cooperative Foundation, accounts for both Seminars, etc., etc. I do not see how she can handle your accounts during the coming year. Can you not handle them yourself, or through your own home as you do all summer?

Ever sincerely yours,

Sherwood

Mr. Kirby Page
c/o Silver Bay Association
Silver Bay
Lake George, New York

*loads article in Harpers w/athletic criticism
The Germans refuse my visa to Berlin & Vienna so I go to
Prague*

Dear Kirby:

I would like very much to attend the Conference you wrote me about but at present I will have to decline because of pressure of time.

With all good wishes and personal regards,

Sincerely,

Norman Thomas



CORRESPONDENCE
TABLES
CLEVELAND

408 Central Y.M.C.A.,
Cleveland, Ohio,
June 20, 1938

Dear Mr. Page,

I have, for quite some time, been wanting to write you but felt that I would just be intruding upon your time which is valuable and perhaps you receive so many letters that it becomes burdensome.

I have a very definite problem and I feel that only you can offer me suggestions which will aid me in adjusting myself.

But first, I had better re-introduce myself and tell you a little of my present situation so that you will be better able to aid me.

I was the student at Baldwin-Wallace College, in Berea, Ohio,



who corresponded with you relative to your coming to Baldwin-Wallace College for a day last January. It was then especially that I became especially interested in the work you are doing and from then on I have been determined to work in some very definite way to achieve social justice for all mankind through Christ. I first became definitely interested in the peace movement when at Ohio State University, from which institution I was suspended for refusing to take military science; which when I entered the university I thought I could take ~~it~~ as a necessary evil while ~~the~~ waiting for a degree but found that it was too



much in opposition to the way of
Christianity.

I have worked my way almost entirely through college. I had applied at several business establishments all this last school year for permanent employment, knowing that it would be impossible for me to finish my work and get my degree except that I work for it in extension work because funds were too low.

I was very fortunate in getting a permanent job at The Cleveland Trust Company in Cleveland, the second day of school of the second semester. I finished my school work and was graduated in June with the rest of my class.

You will perhaps also remember, Beatrice Wade now. She is the girl



to whom I am engaged.
 She went with us into
 Lindale to meet your train
 after the services at School.

Bea received much inspiration
 from hearing you speak and she
 has read several of your books,
 among them, *Creative Pioneers*.
 She became very much interested in
 and is very eager to link up
 with this movement.

I'm gradually getting into
 what I want to speak about but
 I feel that all I have said has
 a very definite bearing on it.

I have thought for some time
 that I wanted to give my life
 to something creative. I feel that
 I can't be creative in any way
 in the capitalistic scheme of things.

5.



Working at The Cleveland Trust Company will not accomplish anything. I have a good job although it doesn't pay but \$10. per month now but I would be advanced as I received more experience. I was promised that. I do accounting work in the loan audit department.

I have felt for some time that I should give my life to the co-operative movement. I have hesitated to make that decision because I didn't know how Bea felt about such work. You know, she is not so very strong and is somewhat crippled.

This last week end I was at her home. She had studied Creative Pioneers very carefully. We were discussing our plans to set up



6.

a home and plan to buy a piece of ground on which to build later. She has known for some time how I felt about cooperatives and, generally, your type of work. Therefore she said, "Bill, I don't think we should buy anything or plan to build. I think you ought to leave the bank and enter cooperative work." We determined Sunday to enter into co-operative work as our life work. Incidentally, she can speak and is as anxious to work at this thing as I am. I want to be able to speak too.

I am planning to work toward the C. P. A. certificate in accounting which perhaps will aid me in being more useful to co-operatives.

7.



Can you help us in any way?

Will you, by any chance, be in or near Cleveland anytime this summer. If you will be I would like very much to talk with you.

Bea and I are planning to be married next spring or early summer. In the mean time I have about \$400 of obligations incurred during college, which I want to pay off. I want to, if possible get started in co-operative work before then. and she could start anytime.

Incidentally, while I think of it, \$1.00 of that debt of \$400 is tenth which I have not paid while in college. I know of no better place to put it than into



your work. Therefore, as I am able to pay it off I will send a check to you. I'll try to get it completely paid off by October. Therefore, if nothing happens in the meantime you can expect \$100 from me for your work.

And also another thing, Bea and I are very anxious to be with you in one of your week-end retreats next year, or as many as we can. Will that be possible?

Mr. Page, you have done so much for Bea and I, and we appreciate it very much. Your stay at Baldwin Wallace College was worth more than priceless jewels. I hope we can be with you not only in your looks and in your work but also with you occasionally.

9.



As you have time will you
write me? I felt that it
would be better for me to
write you first before writing to
the Co-operative League because
I knew you and my approach
could be more personal. I wish
it could be that I could see some
of the leaders in the movement
personally. Perhaps I can see
some of them through you and as
they may come to Cleveland
I can arrange to see them and
talk with them personally.

Thanking you for your very
kind consideration, I remain
ever,

Cordially yours,
William J. Shockey.

THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC AREA INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
at the Pennsylvania State College, June 21-July 1

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7:30 A.M.		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.		Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Breakfast	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
9:00 A.M. Two Sections		Eichel- berger Soltau	Eichel- berger Page ¹	Page Soltau	Page Stone		Page Patterson	Page Patterson	Page Patterson	Page Patterson	Patterson
10:00 A.M.		Olmsted	Olmsted	Olmsted	Reid		Seminars Clark, Ferguson, Reid, Koerner,	Seminars Six sections to be led by: Clark, Ferguson, Reid, Koerner,	Seminars Smith, Whitney	Seminars	Seminars
11:00 A.M.		Meng	Suma	Stone	Fenwick	Worship (Page) ⁴	Reid	Reid	Reid	Reid	Reid
12:00 Noon		Open	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open	Thomas
12:30 P.M.		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Dinner	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 P.M. Two Sections		Eichel- berger Soltau	Eichel- berger Page	Page ² Soltau	Page ³ Stone		Page ⁵ Patterson	Page ⁶ Patterson	Page ⁷ Patterson	Page ⁷ Patterson	
3:00 P.M.		OPEN FOR RECREATION									
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June 22, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I regret to have to inform you that it will be utterly impossible for me to be with your party in Estes Park this summer.

We have had a tremendously busy year and are expecting a repetition of it next year. In order to have as much of the ground work cleared away as possible before school begins, it will be necessary for me to spend most of the summer on the west coast. My itinerary has been made out and I shall leave here on July 5th to be gone virtually for the entire summer.

I would like very much to have the privilege of being with your group, and my regret is that my duties here in connection with the college preclude all probability of joining you.

Cordially and sincerely,


H. K. Eversull
President.

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First Christian Church
SECOND AND ELM STREETS
Centralia, Illinois

R. L. THORP, MINISTER
415 EAST SECOND ST.

June 22, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Cal.

Dear Mr. Page:

Our Illinois Christian Ministers' Association holds an annual Retreat at Eureka College, usually the second week in June. I enclose a copy of this year's program. Our group has a liberal outlook and is ready to come to grips with real issues.

Since I was elected president of the association, I am beginning to think of next year's program. As you note, we have seminar periods for three mornings. Next year we would like to devote one of these periods to the social issues. Of all the men in this field, we believe that you are the one we would most like to have to lead us.

Would you consider coming to Illinois next June? What are your terms for such engagements? We do not have a large fund available, depending upon our enrollments. But this year we had 101 and we expect more each year. It might not be possible for us to have you, but I thought it is worth while to try for the best. It would be a great delight to renew our personal relations again, after so many years away from Drake.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

R. L. Thorp

SHERWOOD EDDY

52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

June 23, 1938

Dear Kirby:

Your note of the 18th and its enclosure completely overwhelmed me. I think you have been far too generous with me, but you may be sure that I am deeply grateful.

Before now you have had Mr. Eddy's letter concerning the handling of the accounts next fall. I am sorry that it seems impossible for me to do it, but, as he said, it is just a case of my being unable to accomplish the regular work in office hours, let alone doing anything additional. I do hope you will understand that if I only had endless time I would be glad to continue to help you out. Isn't it possible for Miss Kahlmeyer to do it for you? We've had a tremendously heavy year and I've been sick so many times that I begin to realize I must cut down on my hours or I shall end up as so many others in this job have ended up. Also, Kathryn is leaving and in the fall I shall either be alone for a time or shall have to hunt for another girl. Anyway, I am sorry, and I am grateful for your generosity. It will please you to know that I invested some of this unexpected windfall in books, things which I am seldom able to buy.

Very best wishes for the summer.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Mr. Kirby Page
Institute of International Relations
State College
Pennsylvania

Plan your summer to include the Student Christian Movement Conference



Silver Bay

ON LAKE GEORGE, N. Y.

June 16 - 23, 1938

Room 1001

2 WEST 45th STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

MUrray Hill 2-4664

June 27, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Kirby Page:

On behalf of the Silver Bay Student Committee
I am writing to thank you for all that you did to make the
Silver Bay Conference a success.

I feel certain that your auditorium talks in the
morning as well as your discussion group will do a very
great deal to strengthen our movement throughout the region.

May I take this opportunity of telling you per-
sonally how very grateful I am to you for having spent so
much time and effort on behalf of our movement. I certainly
hope that the days at Silver Bay were not too strenuous for
you and that before very long you will be able to enjoy a
well earned holiday.

Again thanking you for all that you did on our
behalf and with best wishes to you always, I am,

Your sincere friend,

Kay
Katharine Duffield

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PACIFIC COLLEGE

LEVI T. PENNINGTON, PRESIDENT
NEWBERG, OREGON

June 27, 1938

Rev. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Friend:-

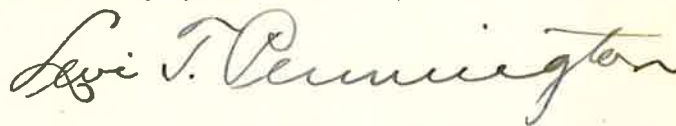
Let me thank you sincerely for your kind letter of the 19th. I shall give the information it contained to the man who denounced you as a communist. I agree with you that he ought to retract his false statements about you as publicly as he made them. I wish I could be confident that he would try to right the wrong as readily as I am sure you would if the conditions were reversed.

I am writing this on Vancouver Island, where your letter has been forwarded to me. I have not yet seen the books, but I thank you for them. I did not need them in order that I might understand your position, for I was aware of that, from both hearing you and reading from your works. But I intentionally wrote my inquiries, as I remember it, in a form that might have been used by one who was in doubt and who desired information.

It seems to be the definitely recognized form these days to condemn all pacifists by calling them communists, and then by implication to hang on them the other things which the super-patriots have led many folks to believe are necessary concomitants of communism, such as atheism, immorality, wholesale violence, etc. It would sound to some folks terribly shocking to remind them that the early apostolic church was communistic. And there are some who do not know the difference between communism and socialism.

Well, I shall let our friend know that you are not a communist, and see what he proposes to do about righting the wrong he did to you and to various other peace leaders.

Sincerely your friend,



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SPRUCE CREEK TOM-TOM

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Monday, June 27th, 1938

Evening Paper ***

KIRBY PAGE VISITS CAMP

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Ed Werner was heard saying, "Be it ever so homely there is no face like mine." Last Saturday night proved that even the frogs swim "Buddy" fashion! Who is the guy in camp who uses tooth powder for food rather than for brushing his teeth? Information for Al Clarke, Patricia is spelled, "P a t r i c i a."

.....er ah Sick list:.....
 Jack Hadestyhives, Ned Hirt, jitterbugs.....Paul Solby, sick-in-the-head.....Jack Harrington, so horse he could pull a cart.....
 Harv McClure, love-sick and Roy got water-on-the-brain. Weather, will remain fair so long as it doesn't rain. Glad to welcome Charlie Davishe says we've a great bunch of singers this year.

The official theme song for today is, "IT AIN'T GOIN' RAIN NO MORE".. Keep Smilin' gang, it can't last much longer, if it does we'll have a first class flood which will mean a new hobby group...Boat-rowing!!! To satisfy the desire of many the group who failed to attend the annual "swin-or-hike" yesterday wish to express their most sincere regret and wish to be humbly excused for not attending.

Insert from a letter home: "The weather and the counselors are all wet." Some of the boys in the Press Room were tormenting Johnny Henderson about his "peach-fuzz" beard. Paul asked, "How long have you been shaving Johnny?" John answered, "About a year. The first time I shaved I hooked my little brother's razor."

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT.....

Disregarding the heavy dew (and how) on Saturday night, everyone had a more or less swell time playing Beleaguered City. Several sprouts, I mean scouts, were stationed in the woods to break thru the double lines of guards who surrounded the city (It was a bonfire that kept the counselors warm). Due to the fact that the guards built a fortification around the city, very few scouts were able to easily reach the goal. The greatest fake, I mean attraction, was Al Clarke's wild cat fight. Regardless of the many obstacles of the evening, the Hurons broke through and succeeded in capturing first place.

Thought for Today:

If you get simple beauty and naught else, You get about the best thing invents.

SUNDAY'S DRENCHING.....(Hike)

On dreary, dead, wet, Sunday June 26th, the counselors, under the leadership of Ray McCorkel led the campers off to their potential doom of pneumonia. Starting down the steps in a sheet of rain it took little time before the whole camp was "all wet". After a long tramp the cool and fresh campers arrived at the Indian Lookout and after much neck stretching and gasping, down the rocks they came. Then came the fording of the creek. Ed Werner and Macky Young having forgotten their Saturday night bath decided to take it on Sunday and immediately laid down in the water and acted like overstuffed peripics. The rest of the journey was uneventful save for occasional dry spots along the way.

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Ned Hirt, Paul Solby, Gerald Byers,
 John Henderson, Jack Harrington,
 Ira Frantz, Advisor.

HAROLD E. FEY VACATION SCHEDULE, 1938

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June 28 - July 2, McNeill Hotel, Columbus, Ohio
July 3 - July 9, c/o Edward Fey., R.F.D., Rushville, Indiana
July 10 - July 23, c/o Emory Conwell, Oneida, Kansas
July 24, Norman Oklahoma, c/o Religious Director, University of Okla.
July 25 - July 27, c/o Edward Fey, Rushville, Indiana
July 30, Return to Leonia, N. J., 142 Highwood Ave.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"CONCO"

June 28, 1938.

Dear Kirby:

I am back on the job at 9:00 A. M.
but can't get your thoughts out of mind. Count
on it you have given me a new conception of
what can be done. I will have to digest it
some before I translate thought into action.
You see I do put my wife near to a religious
ideal; we had so much opposition and trials from
without. I wear a "collar" here as you could see
by our clients: the U. S. L. battery Company wants to
find a way around the neutrality law because she
has a patent necessary to submarines - that was
left solely in my lap, what would you do? There
you can see why I made it as pointed as
possible that "applied" isn't the same as "pure"
ideology. But strange - I felt called upon
to meet Rabbi Lazeron's attempt to stampede
a group to the other extreme. I hope we will
see much more of each other. Harrop A. Freeman

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

June 29, 1938

My dear Mr. Cherrington:

One of the last actions of the Congress before adjournment was to approve an appropriation requested by the President for the establishment in this Department of a Division of Cultural Relations. This action will make possible the fulfillment of a long felt need.

To one who has devoted as much time as you to endeavoring to interest the American people in international affairs, it is unnecessary for me to emphasize the importance of an understanding of the habits of thought and mode of life of other countries to cordial and fruitful international relations. While this is recognized by every informed person, nevertheless the Government has in the main been content to leave to private organizations what should at least in part have been its own responsibility. These agencies and foundations have done much during recent years to encourage and facilitate international intellectual cooperation. Considering their lack of funds and other handicaps, some of these organizations have done a splendid work. There has been, however, a lack of coordination between them and of a clearcut and long-range plan for many of their activities.

Funds for a Division of Cultural Relations were requested for the very purpose of working out, in cooperation with these private organizations, an integrated program for the improvement of our international cultural relations. This division also would administer those activities which properly should be carried on by the Department of State. The immediate task before the new division will be to stimulate cultural interchange with the other American countries. The Good Neighbor policy has not only removed the suspicion and distrust which those countries held concerning our political and economic intentions, but has placed relations between the United States and those countries on the most cordial basis that has existed since the days when they were seeking their independence. However, if this policy is to be of lasting significance it must be bulwarked by an appreciation by those

Dr. Ben M. Cherrington,

631 Vine Street,

Denver, Colorado.

countries of the spiritual and intellectual values in this country, as well as by an understanding by the American people of the cultural achievements of their southern neighbors.

Considerable thought has already been given as to the most appropriate and effective ways in which the new division can attain this end. One way would be through the Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations, which was adopted at the Buenos Aires Conference in 1936. This convention, a copy of which is enclosed, already has been ratified by the United States and by two of the other American Republics. It provides that each year each contracting party will award fellowships in some one of its universities to two graduate students or teachers from each other American country ratifying the convention, and will receive an exchange professor from each of the contracting parties who will lecture and teach in appropriate institutions of learning. If all countries ratify this convention it would mean that every year the United States would receive forty students and twenty professors from the other American countries and would send an equal number to those countries.

The administration of this convention will rest with the new division. It will be the function of the division to prepare the panels of names of graduate students or teachers on the one hand, and professors on the other hand to be sent to the other countries, to conduct all correspondence with foreign governments, including the transmission of the panels of this country and the receipt of panels from the other countries, as well as all correspondence with educational institutions and persons in this country, and to collaborate with the National Committee on Inter-American Intellectual Cooperation and its Executive Committee, to be established, in the general administration of this convention. It is hoped that this Executive Committee will be a functioning organization, not a paper one, and that it will formulate the panels to be sent to foreign countries in consultation with the division as well as to select the names from the panels submitted by the other countries, again in consultation with the division.

Another function of the division will be to promote unofficial exchanges of professors, teachers and students by encouraging foundations, and colleges and universities to establish fellowships and scholarships. Although a great many specific fellowships and scholarships have already been established to enable students from Europe to study in the United States, and vice versa, there are only a handful of these for the other American countries. In view of the interest that has been recently stimulated in this country concerning our southern neighbors, it would seem possible greatly to augment the number of fellowships and scholarships available for them.

It will likewise be the function of the division to encourage the establishment of small representative libraries in the several American countries. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace already has donated a number of collections of books to universities and other organizations in the other American republics. Not only could these existing collections be enlarged, but useful donations could be made to a number of universities and organizations which, while desirous of having small representative libraries, have been financially unable to afford the expense of purchasing the relatively expensive books of the United States. Here again it is hoped that the interest of the foundations can be enlisted as well as of such organizations as the American Library Association which could be extremely helpful in making the selection of representative books.

The high cost of American books and the lack of translations has frequently been brought to the Department's attention by persons interested in increasing knowledge in the other American countries of the United States. It would seem that the division could well explore the possibility of arranging for the translation of outstanding works of every category, as well as the possibility of publishing cheap editions of American books. Certain studies are now under way with regard to these possibilities, but these investigations are under private auspices. The new division would wish to interest itself in these problems.

One of the most effective means of diffusing knowledge about the United States has been through the cultural institutes which already have been established in several countries. The Argentine-North American Cultural Institute, founded some ten years ago, has done a magnificent work in increasing understanding in the Argentine of the life and culture of the United States. It has brought lecturers from the United States, it has given courses of all kinds regarding the United States, last year to some six thousand persons, it has built up a fine library, it has persuaded the bookstores in Buenos Aires to carry a representative line of American books, and in general it has served as a center for all Argentines who desire to learn of the civilization of the United States. Cooperation with this Institute on behalf of this Government will hereafter be carried on by the new division.

Immediately after the Buenos Aires Conference a similar institute was established in Rio de Janeiro and recently steps have been taken to set up similar institutes in Lima, Peru, and Santiago de Chile. Although the initiative in establishing these institutes has properly been taken by the citizens of the several countries themselves, it would seem an entirely legitimate function for this Government through the new division to lend them encouragement and assistance in order that they may be firmly established and become vital and worthwhile organizations.

These are only a few of the more obvious functions that the new division should perform to bring about real appreciation in the other American republics of the United States. Every day there come to my attention many projects of a worthwhile character to which the Department has heretofore been unable to give adequate attention, or which require more planning and organization than the Department has been able to give. For instance, only recently the Government of Colombia requested this Government to send to the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Bogota a representative collection of American art. The Department was most anxious to accede to this request, but upon looking into the matter found that the necessary arrangements could not be made for lack of foresight and organization prior to the celebration and therefore was unable to accept the invitation. You can well imagine the impression that a really well selected exhibition would have upon the Colombians, many of whom have been encouraged to look upon our civilization as mechanical and machinelike, devoid of deep feeling, of artistic inspiration, in short, of a soul.

I have not touched upon the broad field of radio broadcasting because government policy has not yet been formulated. Last winter at the President's request there was established an Interdepartmental Radio Committee for the purpose of investigating the radio broadcasting activities of foreign governments in the other American Republics and the broadcasting now being carried on by private American companies, and of recommending the steps, if any, which our Government should take in order to make more effective use of the exceedingly important medium of radio broadcasting. An immense amount of data has been compiled and collated. The preliminary studies have been made and are now under revision in order to include certain additional data which the President desired. Pending determination of government policy, the private companies have indicated their readiness to prepare and broadcast programs which are believed by the Government to be of a type calculated to improve relations. So far the Department has not been in a position to take advantage of this offer, but hopes that the new division will be able to do what it can to improve the type of program at present being put on the air to the other American countries by United States stations. If on the advice of the President the Congress should determine to establish a Government station for this purpose, it would appear that the new division would probably have considerable to do with the formulation of the general policies of that station.

There is just as much, if not more, to be done by the new division within the United States. As you know, our people have only a vague and misty conception, often a misconception, of our southern neighbors. This situation must be rectified, and rectified quickly. For this, the active interest and wholehearted cooperation of public and private agencies must be enlisted. This will be the task of the new division. It

will involve cooperation with our schools, colleges and universities, foundations, clubs, institutes, in fact, every kind of public or private agency performing educational functions. It is my belief, based upon the daily evidence received here of a growing interest in the other American republics, that it will not prove difficult to secure the cooperation necessary for a truly effective program.

The President and myself would be greatly gratified if you would accept the direction of this division which both of us consider as having very far-reaching possibilities under imaginative and proper leadership. We know of your interest in international affairs, and have been both impressed and appreciative of the fine work you have been doing as Director of the Community Program of Education in International Understanding at Denver. The remuneration of this position will be \$8,000 a year.

I know that you have many responsibilities to consider, but would appreciate hearing from you at the earliest possible moment as to whether you will accept this position. If, as I hope, your reply is in the affirmative, I would appreciate your arranging to come to Washington as soon as possible for a preliminary talk regarding the proposed functions of the new division, its personnel, et cetera. This would have the advantage of enabling you to be giving thought to the best lines of procedure during the time that you are winding up your affairs in Denver.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cordell Hall

Enclosure:

Convention for the
Promotion of Inter-
American Cultural
Relations.

YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

402 Driving Park Avenue.
Rochester New York
June 30th, 1938

Dear Dr. Page:

You left Silver Bay last week before we all had an opportunity to thank you for the outstanding contribution you made to it.

For many of the students there, your morning auditorium talks and discussions meant a marked change from their usual thought and analysis, even from that of many college courses. You probably realize their difficulty as well as anyone. What most of them need now is a good follow-up such as an economic seminar of the Religion and Labor Foundation. I realize now that my experience on their southern seminar last summer served as one of the sources of power that you talked about - gaining a deeper insight into the actual; and along with that almost inevitably must come a deep desire to help in changing the actual to the ideal. For me then, Silver Bay served as a "re-inoculation"; you helped to define for me much of what I had been thinking and trying to say all year; I gained a new insight and a renewed emphasis. And so I want to express my sincere appreciation to you for the help you have been. Our prayers go with you in your work.

Dr. Orlo Price as well as Mrs. Rauschenbusch were glad to hear about you and send their greetings.

Sincerely,
Verna Volz